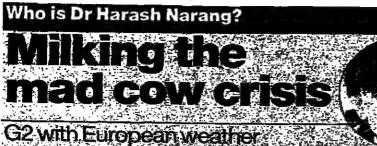
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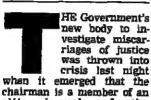
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Justice commission chief is elite mason

4,000 French campsites 'pose serious safety risks'

Link exposes review body to ridicule say angry campaigners

Duncan Campbell and Malcolm Glynn



chairman is a member of an elite branch of the Freemasons. Politicians and miscarriage

of justice campaigners last night said Sir Frederick Crawford's masonic connections exposed the new body to ridicule and suggested a Labour gov-erriment would have to review his appointment.

Senior police officers, in-cluding the last three Com-missioners of the Metropoli-tan Police, are on record as saying that it is professible for saying that it is preferable for officers not to be Freemasons. Sir Frederick, who was ap-

pointed to the £88,000-a-year part-time post of chairman of the Criminal Cases Review Commission earlier this year, is an office bearer in the Royal Arch — regarded

The commission is due to start operating later this year or early next year with 11 commissioners and a staff of 60, who will examine cases of alleged miscarriage of justice. It is to be based in Birming-ham, near Sir Frederick's home, and will take over the work now carried out by the Home Office's C3 department. There have already been criticisms about the length of time it has taken to set up the

commission, which was first proposed in 1993. Sir Frederick, who is retir ing as vice-chancellor of Aston University and is an expert in plasma physics, has declined to talk about his new

role until he takes up his post. He was appointed by the Prime Minister. Chris Mullin, the Labour MP who was instrumental in exposing the case of the Birmingham Six, said he was amazed to discover that Sir Frederick was a Freemason.

Remember that in your respective Lodges you have solemnly

and voluntarily vowed to relieve and befriend with unhesitating cordiality every **Brother who** might need your assistance ... to suggest the most kindly and, the most palliating, and

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in extenuation of his conduct.



de Calais, 216 are potentially unsafe or inadequately pro-tected, while figures for the Var on the Mediterranean Paul Webster in Paris UNDREDS of thou-sands of holiday-makers are at risk in show only 18 out of 313 sites makers are at risk m French camping sites, according to the provi-sional findings of a govern-ment report which shows that to be beyond risk There are wide differences between regions. Only 14 out of 174 camps in the Haute Sa-

voie fall short of maximum safety standards. But in Corat least 4,000 sites are potentially unsafe because of the threat of natural or man-made disasters. sica's Haute Corse, which has the same number of tempo-rary holiday villages, all 174 The French environmental are at threat in the event of ministry survey, covering forest fires. about 10,000 temporary holi-"The level of risk obviously day villages, was leaked just varies with local conditions.

after 200 people were forced to an environment official said leave a caravan park in the Haute Savoie, south-eastern These can vary from flooding, landslides, forest fire or France. Local authorities the fallout from a nearby nufeared a repeat of last week's clear or chemical plant. Blescas catastrophe in the Spanish Pyrenees, where 85 people died in a flash flood. Twelve years ago, a swollen "But by far the highest number of cases are linked to natural water hazards be cause campers prefer sites near rivers." Alpine river killed 27 caravaners and campers only Last year, 17

even miles from the evacu were evacuated because of the ated French camping site at threat of flood or fire - four of them urgently. Others have been closed permanently, no-tably those on the banks of the Ardèche and Vaucluse rivers in the south But local inspect

Heavy thunderstorms trig-gered this week's alert at Thones, but holidaymakers refused to leave until police were called in. After a court at Annecy oreventual dangers are in-creased by the failure of iered the -site closure on Tuesday, Albert Dupuy, a senior official at the local deowners to display warning notices on emergency evacuapartemental office said: "We tion procedures. Clauge Mermillog, who of these visitors. The Spanish disaster has been a serious warning to all of us." owns the condemned camp at Thones, said he refused to close voluntarily because the dangers were exaggerated. The ministry's report amounts to condemnation of The camp was on the same the ease with which villages and landowners are granted permits to accommodate the seasonal tourist influx. It spot for 30 years and the local river had never burst its banks, he said. But officials pointed out points to the refusal of hunthat flash floods may occur at dreds of site managers to take intervals of more than 50 elementary precautions. The names of caravan years, and are completely unpredictable. Sudden floods, bringing a lethal surge of parks at risk have not yet water, rocks, mud and rain, have also been made more debeen released, but some findmas are particularly imporstructive by man's reshaping tant for British tourists. Out of 237 sites in the Pas | of the environment.

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One of the Royal Arch's old rituals is a vow that the mem-ber should always assist a brother" and should suggest "the most favourable circum-stances in extenuation of his conduct, even when justly liable to reprehension and hiame. Thus shall the world see how close is the bond that links Freemasons together."

> Austin WAT THE HE FINDS OUT THAT YOU'VE NICKED A BROTHER MASON,

Mullin, "It's going to bring even when ---the commission into ridicule. I think if he is in post when a justly liable to Labour government comes to power, we should look again at his appointment." reprehension Anne Owers, director of Justice, the British section of the International Commisand blame. sion of Jurists, said: "It is

Thus shall the very important that the body is seen to be independent world see how close is from the beginning." John Wadham, director of the bond that Liberty, which campaigns on miscarriage of justice issues, said: "I am sure Sir Frederick links will make an excellent chair.

Freemasons Unfortunately there are too many miscarriages of justice in which members of the matogether sons appear to have had a role. This new body has such Ritual vow of the Holy Royal Arch, of which a crucial role in uncovering miscarriages of justice that it Sir Frederick is a member must not be tainted by such

suspicions. Sir Frederick, aged 65, is on holiday in France and was not available for comment.

public office] as the best man The Home Office defended

for the job." A spokesman for the Freethe appointment. A spokes man said: "Sir Frederick was masons Hall in London conchosen as chairman of the commission under the Nolan firmed that Sir Frederick was a Junior Grand Warden, procedures [brought in this which was described as "a masons who were liable to you are obliged to cover for the integrity of pleasant honour" and said "reprehension and blame" their [fellow masons'] wrongprocedures [brought in this

that the Royal Arch was for "people who want to explore the subject". The spokesman said the so obscure Sir Frederick had "people who want to explore the subject". The spokesman said the Royal Arch ritual which referred to supporting fellow

The ritual was an old one he added. Freemasons had a never even heard of it. "It doesn't in any way mean higher duty to behave hon-ourably towards society at

large than to any fellow

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Scramble after A-level record

Sir Frederick Crawford ... part-time chairman at £88,000 a year PHOTOGRAPH DON MCPHER

2 NEWS

Sketch Mash 'n' trash on San Diego menu



Peter Preston

-XPLANATORY note: a = trash can, as I understand it, is a wastepaper bin, or one of those things under the sink that you put old kipper skins and yogurt pots in. The garbage goes into the rubbish bin outside your door. But a dumpster is a big, square, industrial plastic number which modern council lorries with heavy metal claws can pick up.

Now come with me to the second full day of the Republican Party's national conven-tion here in San Diego. About 2,000 delegates are milling around, yacking, wearing silly clothes, sillier hats and — this vear's fashion note - very expensive toupees. (One delegate in five is a millionaire. One delegate in 10 seems to have spent most of that on silvery hairpieces).

Up on the podium, the gov-ernor of Illinois is lecturing about aid for small businessmen. This stereotypically fea-tures walk-on parts for "Main Street Americans" — most via pre-shot video from GOP TV, but some in the flesh.

Governor Edgar introduces a middle-aged lady called Barb (or possibly Barble: a delegate from Minnesota has just poked his banner in my ear) Williams. She had, it appears, a dream: to start her own small-town restaurant. She realised her dream. But now mindless federal health bureaucrats and litigators are turning that dream to dust. She's being sued and pursued They say I can't put mashed potatoes in my dumpster". Some obscure Washington

regulation, it seems, forbids the dumpstering of leftover, non-doggy-bag mash. You've heard of meat and

potato issues. This would seem a potato one. But it is actually pretty meaty when stacked against the rest of the San Diego menu Some marketing genius has

nvented a convention in the

First night

mage of breakfast television: short, snappy and moving-belt repetitive. Conferees confer only from 5pm to 8pm, when a worthwhile television audience exists. But switch on for 0 minutes and you will hear the essential message. Stay fo another 10 and you'll hear it age. Stay for again. Family, country, hard work; spending your own money. No wonder the dele-gates pull their toupees over their ears. Consider Newt Gingrich,

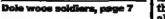
House speaker and abrasive rightwing visionary. Newt is probably the most loathed poli tician in America, but they can't hide him. So Newt com neutered, prefaced by a video of tall trees and bald eagles and black children working computers, with a booming rock soundtrack about FreeDumb as in Let Freedumb Live. The 2,000 yackers have been preissued with red, white and blue cards claiming "I Love Newt". They jiggle them Tiller Girl-style for the cameras.

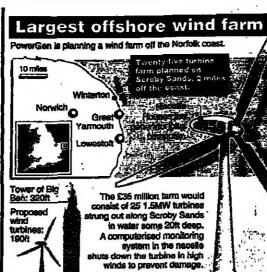
Newt introduces Ken, who won a gold medal in Atlanta for beach volleyball. Thirty years ago, he says solemnly. ach volleyball barely existed. Now ordinary people have turned it into a great game. No federal bureaucrat could have done that. Let Freedumb Live.

Two per cent of delegates are black. Two Republican stars are ex-football quarter-backs. One may be vice-president. The other is a congress-man called J. C. Locks. He never thought "the fifth of siz children born to Helen and Buddy Watts in a poor black neighbourhood in the poor rural community of Eufalia Oklahoma, would someday b called Congressman". But that is the American dream. Susan Molinari is a 30-

something congresswoman from New York. In 1904, she says, Guyatano and Marie Me linari, and their young son, left Italy in search of his dream: a barber shop on 104th Street, Queens, with the US flag hung outside.

Now, only two generations on, his great-grandaughter speaks to us, with her own three-month baby, Susan Ruby, in the gallery being fed for television by husband Bill Bottle milk, not solids. But I'm sure she'll love mashed potato when she grows up.





North Sea

Owen Bowcott finds a powerful answer blowing in the wind

Norfolk

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Largest offshore wind farm planned

fuels obligation

Tradet List,

beyond the Norfolk coast, the world's largest offshore wind farm could be generating elec-tricity by 1998, the Power-

Gen claimed yesterday. Plans for the £35 million development near Great Varmouth, which will in-volve up to 25 glant tur-bines — each 190 feet high and producing 1.5 mega-watts of electricity — have already been submitted to the Department of Trade the Department of Trade and Industry.

Pros and cons of If it is successful, other projects may be announced windmill tilting DOD.

Exploiting unobstructed windflows at sea, the ADVANTAGES: PowerGen wind farm, Non-polluting; no carbon or sulphur dioxide emissions. based on prototypes already operating in Den-mark, could revolutionise force of the wind. the capacity of the renew-able energy industry. Ten Saves diminshing fossil fuel reserves. Becoming cheaper as alternative technology turbines placed at sea are estimated to produce the same energy as 15 to 20 turadvances.

UILT on a shifting Earth, yesterday gave a cluding small hydro-elec sandbank two miles qualifed welcome to the tric plants -- by 2000. beyond the Norfolk news that PowerGen and The National Grid's tota tric plants - by 2000. The National Grid's total generating capacity is its Danish partner, Vestas, are pursuing the scheme. The final go-ahead de-pends on the DTI granting a around 50,000 megawatts. The backlash against wind farms in the country-

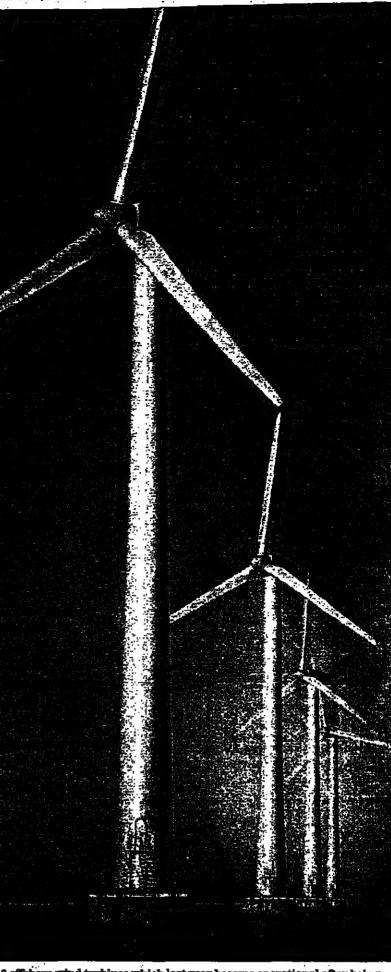
power supply contract under what is known as the side has become more vocal amid claims that giant turbines are defacing the land Government's non-fossils scape and revolving propel-ler blades are too noisy. PowerGen is confident Ministers have set a target of generating 1,500 megawatts of capacity from renewable resources - in-

that the environmental impact of its scheme will not be damaging. "We have been have been careful to site the turbines

away from the areas on the sandhanks used by scals for basking," explained Mike Pollock of PowerGen sterday "They will be well out to sea, so there should be little noise. We hope there will

be other opportunities for more such projects in the fainre." Friends of the Earth's

windpower campaigner, Anna Stanford, warned



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me of the 10 offshore wind turbines which last year became operational after being installed by Vestas off the coast of the Jutland peninsula

water at high tide, will be | turbines off Denmark to | mental campaigners point οπτ also impact," he said. "But the birds are sitting concrete plinths. subsidised. Mike Dowling, Great Yar-mouth's chief planning offi-Two such farms are currently operating off Denmark, and one off the there quite happily, using it as a resting place." Wind generated electriccer, said yesterday that he hoped to be consulted in Dutch coast. **Richard Silberman**, of ity costs around 4.8 pence a fature. Vestas, which operates one kilowati to produce; power of the Danish projects, said that the cables taking the electricity generated into the Danish projects and the produce power derived from large gas-burning stations costs only electricity generated into "It is more than two miles offshore so it's not technically within our dis-2.6 pence a unit. The price difference is subsidised by trict. But you can see the the local supply grid would be tied to the sea floor. "We put a bird observa-Scroby Sands out to sea. sil fuel programme. Nuclear power, environ-i to view the seals." tion platform on one of the

Supplety shifting through the ages Michael Billington | Wilson stages it with chaste

Wilson stages it with chaste refinement. The transitions in Michael Billington

T LEAST it happened. Unlike the debacle sur-rounding Robert Le-

Orlando Royal Lyceum, Edinburgh

page's Elsinore, which has been cancelled, Robert Wil-

place and time are made largely through light, sound and costume. Richardson glides from one to another. reminding us of Woolf's point that sexual identity is often a matter of teasing disguise. Wil-

son's visual conception is im-maculate but something of the novel's larkish delight in fantasy gets lost in the process. What holds the evening

rious androgynous seziness.

Her transformation into won

anhood, in billowing Turkish

harem-trousers, is accompa-nied by a sense of wonder-

ment. later dwindling into a

weariness with the restric-

tions imposed by confining Victorian undergarments.

Only at the end, when she ap

pears in a costume adorned

with quills, does she achieve

search for a rooted self. It is

This review appeared in

later editions yesterday.

son's version of Virginia Woolf's Orlando opened on schedule. And, although I found it coldly stylish, it certogether is the marvellous per tainly boasts a brilliant solo formance of Richardson. following in the footsteps of performance from the multifaceted Miranda Richardson. Lite Lemper and Isabelle Huppert. In her fürst guise as rapier-wielding Elizabethan Woolf's 1928 novel can be boy in bottle-green doublet and hose she exudes a myste-

seen in many ways: as a pro-longed love-letter to Vita Sackville-West, as a playful satire on scholarly biography and as a serious statement on the provisional nature of sexual identity. Its aristocratic hero traverses four centuries and famously changes gender, moving from Elizabethan and Stuart amorist and courtier to Turkish ambassador before ecoming laced, beskirted beroine. Victorian wife and finally 1920s writer. The novel has a freewheel

the intransigent selfhood of the writer. It is, above all, a wonderful ing exuberance and post-modernist pluralism as it plays with literary conventions. But, in this adaptation by Darpiece of physical acting. Rich-ardson's supple body arches ryl Pinckney and Robert Wil-son, it becomes a first-person and bends like a bow, her hands sometimes quiver in narrative that records both a the air and at others are exphysical and spiritual jour-ney: one that takes the protagtended horizontally like plates. It is as refined and dis ciplined as Noh theatre yet it suggests the multiple identionist from swashbuckling maleness to a fetishistic femi ninity before achieving fulfillties within one frame and the ing freedom as an almost the performance that supplies asexual, solitary writer. The final words, "But I am alone" the emotion in a formal, some are delivered with a sense of relief. what chillingly beautiful and austere production.

You don't get the circumstantial detail of the novel but

'SAS fantasist' says RUC threat made him recant

Devid Pallister

AFORMER soldier, dis-missed as a fantasist by the Royal Ulster Constabuthe Royal Olster Constant, lary, is now claiming that the RUC threatened him with murder charges unless he said his account of an SAS execution squad in Northern to the claims. The RUC said it Ireland was untrue had investigated and found In his book. The Nemesis them to be a fiction.

□ Gas-fired power stations currently produce cheaper electricity. not large enough to supply TIK's total needs 🗆 Wind farms take up land in the countryside. recently. Rival commercial opera-tors, such as National Wind Power, and the environ-mental group Friends of the criticised as eyesores

and too noisy. Potential navigational hazard at sea

'Smoking laptop' enters Manhattan terror trial

cused of airline bomb plot

Trade Centre bombing that

killed six people and injured more than 1,000, for which he will stand trial this year.

Shah, for the airline plot and the "dry run" bombing of a Philippines Airlines flight in

December 1994 that killed a

Youser's method was alleg-

Japanese passenger.

DRAWBACKS:

Amorous talk on disc may nail a suspected bomber. Ian Katz in New York reports

PERHAPS he liked to lis-ten to the sweet voice cooing "Don't forget that I love you" when he felt lonely. Perhaps he was sim-ply intoxicated with his own technological provess. and and echnological prowess. Whatever prompted Ramzi Ahmed Yousef to record his amorous telephone conversa-

with an Asian woman and store it on his Toshiba computer, he surely regrets it Ramzi Ahmed Yousef: DOW.

The brief sound file is one of the most damning pieces of evidence found on the hard trive of the "smoking laptop" that lies at the centre of the extraordinary terror conspir-acy trial unfolding quietly in a Manhattan courtroom. Prosecutors say the com-

First they are prosecuting him, along with alleged ac-complices, Abdul Hakim Murad and Wali Khan Amin outer contains detailed plans for one of the most audacions and potentially deadly terror-ist attacks ever conceived — a plan to blow up a dozen United States airliners travelling from Asia to the US.

Even taken together, the The FBI used Microsoft two indictments fall some computer experts to recover deleted files containing flight way short of detailing Mr Yousef's suspected terror curschedules, projected detonariculum vitae. tion times and chemical for-The trial has provided a vir-

mulas for the plot known as tual manual on how to blow File, published last year Project Bojinga. up airliners - just as an under the pen name Paul Bruce, Paul Inman claimed he was part of an undercover Prosecutors say the laptop army of FBI agents are trying belonged to - or at least was used by - Mr Yousef, an alleto figure out how TWA Flight

800 crashed last month. hit-team which killed up to 40 gation supported by the IRA suspects and ordinary Roman Catholics between romantic conversation in which his voice can be heard. edly to carry the components for a plastic explosive bomb If the government is to be believed. Mr Yousef is one of aboard, assemble the device in the lavatory, then leave the the most resourceful terrorbomb under a seat to explode ists of modern times.

The authorities believe he was behind the 1993 World

Scroby Sands, where Powergen would base its scheme, had been desig-nated a Site of Special Scientific Interest. "But we are broadly in favour," she added. "There is an opportunity to in-crease the use of renewable sources and provide skilled jobs. It won't involve any loss of land."

The base of the 190ft turbines, standing in 20ft of

Pictures hint

service agent testified that Mr Yousef had boasted to him about how he converted Casio watches into bomb timers. Mr Yousef and his alleged co-conspirators deny any in-

the FBI hunted for two years, there are still doubts about his true identity.

national born in Kuwait, who studied computer-aided electronic engineering at Swansea Institute before returning to work for Kuwait's planning ministry. He and his family

occupation. Mr Yousef used the name Abdul Basit Karim to obtain the temporary Pakistani

travel documents with which he escaped New York after the World Trade Centre blast, and his fingerprints are on a later leg of the flight understood to match those in once he had disembarked. the Kuwait interior minis-Earlier this week, a secret | try's file on Mr Abdul Basit.

at water under crust of **Jupiter moon**

continued from page I tists a step closer to determintists a step closer to determin-ing whether Europa bad envi-ronmental "niches" warm enough and wet enough to meet the requirements to host life, Mr Greeley said. Europa has been a candi-date home for extra-terres-trial life — of a primitive kind — for decades. It has a tenu-ous atmosphere with overe ous atmosphere, with oxygen. Speculation began after

Nasa's Voyager probe in 1979 photographed strange stripes on the moon's surface. One theory is that the stripes are geological faults — in ice rather than rock — smeared by flooding caused by liquid water or warm ice mixed with mud that wells up through the cracks then

freezes again. Below the ice, planetary sci-entists have thought, there just could be an ocean 30 miles deep. And water is now thought to be the most important ingredient in whatever "factory" life might be assembled from vital elements. The other major requirement is heat - and the gravitational force from Jupiter could generate beat in the rocky core below Europa's ocean.

Galileo ended its 24 billion mile journey to Jupiter in December. It will now complete a series of 11 orbits around the giant planet. It will make closer passes over Europa in December and in February and November 1997. Daniel Goldin, Nasa's ad-ministrator, said the pictures

were "distant snapshots". "We'll shoot a whole photo album when Galileo takes its

targeted pass at Europa in De-camber. We're not going to jump the gun. These pictures do not prove the existence of liquid water on Europa. The pictures are exciting and compelling, but not



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volvement in the airline plot, insisting any confessions were obtained under duress. Mr Yousef, who is conducting his own defence, claims he was in detention in Pakistan at the time the plot was hatched. Though Judge Kevin Duffy warned that his decision to

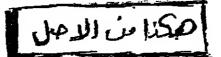
warned that his decision to represent himself was "most likely ... guaranteeing your own conviction", Mr Yousef has appeared poised, even launty, as a succession of witnesses have given apparently damning evidence. His

English is good and his ques-tioning intelligent. While few doubt that the man in Judge Duffy's court-room is the master bomber

Even investigators ac-knowledge that Yousef is merely one of more than 40 aliases used by the alleged bomber. He had three passports on him when he was arrested in Pakistan

They concluded that he was Abdul Basit Karim, a Pakistan

disappeared during the Iraqi



NEWS 3

Case strengthens calls for firearms ban as campaigners point to 'terrifying weaknesses' of controls **Jobless** total

Life for killer who got gun by mail order

Alex Ballos

shot dead a woman and at-tempted to kill three other people, in a case which strengthened calls for a ban on privately-owned firearms. Richard Humpbrey got

round gun legislation by ob-taining someone else's licence through the classified section of Gun Mart magazine. He then sent it to a dealer who posted a .22 semi-automatic pistol and a .357 Magnum to his south London home.

Over a four-month period last year Humphrey, aged 22, patrolled London with his guns, inflicting terror indis-criminately. He murdered a mother of two as she returned home from church, fired at the head of a man on the London Underground, and mugged an RAF officer, shooting him in the chest and back. The case, coming a day after the Conservative-led

Commons home affairs select committee rejected a ban on private handgun ownership, provoked further outrage among anti-gun campaigners. Fred Broughton, chairman of the Police Federation, said the case exposed the weak-

ness of the system. "A whole sale prohibition of handguns is the correct solution, rather than tinkering with existing laws. Why should combat handguns be in private

Sir Lawrence Verney, the Recorder of London, appeared to side with the anti-gun lobby when he told Hum-phrey at the Old Bailey that it was "deplorable" that he had

obtained the weapon. "It is very much in the news today that this is something of great public concern. Those who have to make decisions will perhaps make note that it was a .22 which caused the damage in this case.

A controversial part of

MAN who bought a Beretta Model 76 £180. .22 S & W Model handgun by mail order was given four life sentences yesterday after he Mag S & W Model 13 4" £195. .357 Mag S & W Model 27.2 8%" £245. .357 Mag S & W 27 nickel 31/2" £210. .44 Mag Astra 'Terminator' 4" £195. .44 Mag S & W Model 29 4" nickel £255. Telephone:



Richard Humphrey, right, who replied to an advert, top, in the October 1994 edition of Gun Mart to obtain a .22 pistol, similar to that pictured left, with which he shot Wing Commander Peter Drissell, above. Humphrey was jailed for life yesterday

order is one of the terrifying does not stop people doing it. Humphrey's method of ob-taining the gun was to offer pistols to a man advertising weaknesses of the current gun control system. The whole system needs a com-



munition. The dealer notified London. Accompanied by anpolice. Humphrey was al-ready under investigation as other man, he mugged Wing Commander Peter Drissell, a result of earlier approaches who "miraculously survived" to advertisers, and police in Brixton, south London, went a bail of at least five bullets. four of which remain in his to his home. They were 20 body. Had the 6ft 5in tall offiminutes too late and found cer not been so fit he would probably have died, the court

he fired at disc jockey Michael Perry's head, but hit Mr Perry's raised arm.

"Failing unemployment and the expectation of steady south-west London. He had GCSEs and was intelligent tall, slim and fit. He shouted economic growth offer increasingly good job prospects for young people and unem-

tumbles to five-year low **Five-year low** Cloimant unemployment, seasonally adjusted, millions NEMPLOYMENT fell last month to a five-year low, signalling strengthening economic growth and Conserva-

Sarah Ryle

fects of the economic upturn.

the more buoyant prediction.

tive hopes in the run-up to the general election but sparking renewed attacks on the accuracy of the jobless count. Official figures yesterday showed the number of prople claiming unemployment ben-efit fell by 24,100 in July to 2,126,000, bringing the jobless rate to 7.6 per cont - the lowrate to 7.5 per cent — the low-est level since March 1991. The Government and Ciry analysts welcomed the tall, the fifth monthly decrease in Seurce Dissertan 1.8 1991 92 93 94 95 96

The number of people out of a row. They said it kept Brit-

ain's predicted economic dropped by 27,300 in the three recovery on course for the second half of this year. months to July, the 10th consecutive quarterly fall.

The City said the bright The Government was im jobs outlook supported the Bank of England's recent mediately criticised for manipulating the jobs figures warning to the Chancellor. Kenneth Clarke, that a rise in by Labour, which is due to unveil a dossier on Tary eco-nomic policy today. The shadow employment minister, Stephen Byers, said interest rates was needed to

guarantee his inflation target.

remained flat. The latest figures show 3.75 per cent for the fifth month in a row. There was also evidence that the recovery was unevenly spread, as manufacturing other EU countries. The Government has refused to pubunemployment rose in June. lish it on a monthly basis.

Analysts said these factors meant the latest jobs news Mr Byers said job opportu-nities had dwindled, pointing out the number in work had fallen by 71,000 in the first would not deter Mr Clarke from cutting base rates again to ensure people felt the efthree months of this year to 25.734.000. This level was, The education and employhowever, 15,000 higher than at the same time last year.

ment minister. Eric Forth. said he would not read too much into one month's "es-The unions were also scep tical about the true state of ceptionally large fail". The Office for National Statistics, which compiled the jobs figthe labour market. The TUC general secretary, John Monks, said: "The fall in claimant unemployment is ures, acknowledged that the wave of students leaving eduwelcome, but it is not a relication for the labour market able guide to what is really made the July figures hard to happening in the labour mar ket ... and while the social assess accurately. However, it contract in Britain's workestimated that the downward places continues to erode, there will be no reduction in trend in unemployment would accelerate to an average monthly decrease of 15,000. job insecurity.

The number of new vacancies at job centres rose, supporting A rise in industrial action led to a sharp increase in the number of working days lost through disputes in June to 238,000, the biggest monthly figure since March 1990. Officials said the rise was mainly due to the postal strikes.

month on the Underground Humphrey went to South Thames College in Putney,

reapons over 22 calibre. not be used to make a politi-Alan Beith, Liberal Demo- cal point. "Our gun laws are stolen certificate and £230 in tims at close range. He killed weapons over .22 calibre. crat home affairs spokesman, as strict as anywhere in the postal orders. In return he Victoria Odususi, aged 36, in hessed the mugging. She said: "Supplying guns by mail world. Making it more illegal was sent the firearms and am- cold blood in Stockwell, south escaped injury. The same Letters, page 8

only an empty box.

staff could not be sacked with

out due warning and consul-tation as had happened in at

Dr Broughton said: "What is happening at the Morriston is an example of the seriously destabilising effects of the in-

ternal market on how hospitals are run. Morriston faces an overspend of millions but

this is by no means unique. The problems are coming to a

here are generally smaller, but the distortion of clinical

priorities is happening

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Mr Fortn in long-term unemployment. The number of people out of work for a year or more Notebook, page 11

Chief quits in hospital flare-up

highlights 'absurd contradictions' of internal market

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ket system, whereby local hospitals had to compete against each other rather No confidence vote

threatened to guit their man-

contract to care for elderly people and sacked 16 staff, in-

cluding three consultants. The neighbouring Single-ton hospital, which won the contract, was then refused

permission to hire the sacked

staff. This meant that elderly

people were facing the pros-pect of being looked after by

junior doctors while experi-

than co-operating, and senior doctors were sacked while pe-tients were forced to receive care from less qualified staff. The row has split doctors and managers in Swanses, where Morriston and Singleton hospitals, serving 200,000 people, found themselves fighting for the same contracts to care for patients. HE chairman of a leading regional hospital resigned yesterday after Earlier this year the West Glamorgan Health Authority

senior doctors passed a vote of no confidence in him and switched a £1.6 million con-tract for the care of the elderly from the Morriston to the Singleton. The manager of The departure of Peter Allen is part of a dispute which erupted after Morris-ton hospital in Swansea lost a the health authority. Tony Beddow, then moved to be-come chief executive of the

The Morriston is facing a budget deficit in excess of £3 million - and Mr Beddow was forced to come to terms with the consequences of his own previous contract He decided to sack 16 staff,

including three consultants involved in care of the el-derly. Subsequently, doctors at the hospital passed a no confidence motion in Mr Bed-

Ine British Medical Associ-ation said the situation reflected the "absurd contra-dictions" of the internal mar-senior consultants who hold work disappeared, but senior

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Peter Allen ... decision "knock heads together" and that there was a clear case for 'in patients' interest' management positions yester

merging the two Swansea hospitals so that they could work as one for the benefit of patients rather than compet-ing against each other. "Mr day proferred their resignations from management duties, although they will continue to treat patients, Hague should cease his naive belief that competition be-tween hospitals is healthy." Welsh Office minister, Gwi-lym Jones, who accepted Mr work with the managers. Within hours, Mr Allen had resigned, saying this was in

the overall interest of the

Allen's resignation "with regret", said that the top pri-ority was for a new chairman to be appointed as soon as possible to re-establish effective management at the work disappeared, but senior | trust.



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Canine show world in a whirl over the tale of dizzy Chizzy

GRICKET had Botham bas Venables versus Sugar. Yesterday dog showing became the latest sport to see

its biggest names clash far away from their usual vennes, writes Nick Varley. The case of the drugged mittee of the Kennel Club chihuahua ended in tears, figuratively, for owner full name Deltramer Secret Carol Brampton, who was | Showburst - keeled over at | Chizzy vallum.

found to have "behaved dis-creditably or prejudicially to the interests of the caa show in Lytham St Anne's, Lancashire, last October, and appeared to have nine world". died.

the disciplinary sub-com-mittee of the Kennel Club

But she claimed that she was the victim of a vendetta because of her success over two decades of compe

tition. The sub-committee found against her and banned her from taking part in or at-tending Kennel Club events for five years. She was also ordered to pay costs of £209.

Penn comes within one step of a masterpiece: then he throws it all away in a ending that starts by mixing nightmare and farce and then goes teeth-grindingly wrong. The Crossing Guard reviewed

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Mrs Dyke, aged 37, of But it was her rival, Tracey Dyke, who had been in tears literally as she told Bromsgrove, Hereford and Worcester, and three witnesses told the hearing that they heard Mrs Brampton, aged 46, of Faversham,

Kent, admit she had given

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Colleagues praising Christopher Gray, murdered in his churchyard, say he knew all the dangers of his ministry

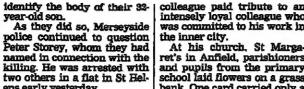
Parents pay tribute to vicar as a 'loving son'

David Ward on city mourning its priest

HE parents of the murdered Liverpool vicar Christopher Gray yesterday paid tribute to their "loving son" who was stabbed to death in

his churchyard. His father, Philip, read a brief statement and answered questions at a press confer-ence; his mother, Margaret, spoke only once, but her nine words about Father Gray stifled all further questions: "He was an extraordinary son and I adored him." Having faced a host of

reporters and film crews, the unle had then to formally



ens early yesterday. It emerged that Father Gray had been attacked while working in another Mersey. side parish. In 1994 a man he had been counselling for drug problems broke into his home and held him captive. He was later convicted of burglary

and false imprisonment. Across the city, friends and

intensely loyal colleague who was committed to his work in At his church. St Marga-ret's in Anfield, parishioners

and pupils from the primary school laid flowers on a grass bank. One card carried only a question mark: a me from Cathi read "Brilliant bu

no good at pub quizzes". Mr Gray, like his wife a Children's tribute to Father Gray (top left) among the flowers laid at St Margaret's Church, Anfield Photograph DON MAPLE retired doctor, told reporters: "To the academic community Christopher was a scholar of high repute, with a first class

urs degree from Oxford and two post-graduate

degrees, one in philosophy, one in theology. [But] he cese, he was a rising star." never lost his common touch with people from all walks of told them of his vocation after the start of the dio-Foreign Office. "Christopher had no ambi-tions in the Church. He was life - anyone could talk to leaving Oxford, when he had

to so where he was willing

asked to do. I think he probably feit that the city had great deprivation and there

many needs, some of which he felt he could cater to. "He was happy in Liverpool. The jobs he did were jobs that were not immediately attrac tive. There were risks to his property and his life. He erfully accepted those. "We were constantly aware of his risks, but there was nothing we could do to lessen them. It is a measure of his character that he chose to shield us from full knowledge of the risks he was taking." He had "no feelings whatso ever" toward his son's killer. **On Wednesdays Father**

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Gray would join Janst Ar-nold, his colleague in the dio-cese's evangelical group, in morning prayer at St Marga-rets. Yesterday Sister Arnold

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He never lost his common touch with people from all walks of life --- anyone could talk to him as a friend. To the diocese, he was a rising star Philip Gray, father

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tensely loyal, always encour-aging," she said. "We talked about his vulnerability as a priest living on his own with many people calling at the vicarage in various stages of need. We both believed it was part of his

ministry to respond. "He was never naive knew the dangers and he ac-cepted them. He was streetwise enough to know what was going on, to know when he was being duped."

Canon Neville Black, for 32 years an inner-city priest in Liverpool, said of the dangers facing clergymen: "Most have regular callers looking for help. Some will be lovable rogues, satisfied with a cup of tea, bacon butty and perhaps a couple of quid. But now we are seeing younger people, the poor, drug users desperate to feed their habit.

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ahead of the national average. workload will inevitably rise. He wants the Home Office to adjust its funding formula. which will lead to almost 400 job losses over two years. Mr Sharples said he was under "significant strain" in trying to cope. Violent crime in the county accounts for 8.5 per cent of all offences, and is rising, against a national level of 6 per cent. But Home Office funding is to be reduced by 10 per cent over the next two years. Mr Sharples, chairman of the Association of Chief Palica Officer to the the

"Merseyside has got a considerable degree of social problems - bad housing, single parent families, pov-erty and so on. That doesn't necessrily create more of a policing problem. But where there are areas of social strain, that is often where there is a greater demand for a policing service. Although the population is decreasing, the demand for policing is actually increasing." Targeting the seven main

criminal gangs on Merseyside in a series of operations has Police Officers, told the Guardian: "Violence and use meant diverting resources of firearms has been going up, and the influence of the en-trenched, organised gangs is rising. We're having to put from other areas. Mr Sharples said the Home Office had to said the Home Office had to find a way of compensating forces like Merseyside during transition phases. Part of the problem began in tit-for-tat shootings after the murder of drugs dealer David Ungi in Toxteth 15 months asp. That led to affe more and more resources into that, having to deal with fairly serious firearms inci-dents, and gang warfare in Liverpool particularly." He added that "dozens and dozens" of abcenting indenti

months ago. That led to offi-cers patrolling in reinforced dozens" of shooting incidents over the past 18 months had arisen from tension between armed responce vehicles, openly displaying semi-automatic weapons.

organised criminal gangs. Merseyside is at the same Figures show crime in Eng-land and Wales dropped by 2.4 per cent over the last recorded year, but on Mersey-side it rose by 12.1 per cent. time having to reduce man-power by 10 per cent over two years under a Home Office formula, partly based on a

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recorded crime, percentage change on previous year ind and Wate 1990 -1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 Source: Home Office, Mersavside Police

Attacks on clergy highlight Church's social dilemma

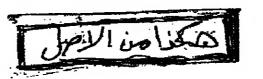
James Meilde HE murder of Christopher Gray and the serious wounding of another vicar follow mounting concern about violence towards the clergy. The Rev Nduna Mpunzi, aged 50, vicar of the Church of St Mary's and All Saints in Walsall, West Midlands, suffered head injuries after an axe attack early on Tuesday. He was in a stable condition last night after undergoing surgery. A Walsall man, aged 57, was charged last night with his attempted murder. Annie Holden, spokes-woman for Lichfield diocese, in which Mr Mpunzi's church

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is situated, said: "We are all concerned about security but

A report published last May, Knocking on Heaven's Door, warned that clergy and their families were increas-ingly being threatened; abneed and bureled

report, said yesterday the Church was good at providing basic care for many in need. "What it perhaps has more difficulty with at local level is how to care for many in local level is how to care for and deal with people who are violent, ag-gressive or have major probems such as mental illne



we can't keep clargy behind locked doors. They are there to talk to the people."

abused and burgled. John Hall, a north London vicar and chairman of the committee responsible for the

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Unsolved murder haunts a small Cornish town

Investigation will reopen wounds, writes Geoffrey Gibbs

DAFFLEMENT, frustra-Bion and deep sadness hang over the small Cornish town of Launceston as local people await the arrival of French investiga-tors hunting the killer of the schoolgirl Caroline Dickinson.

Caroline, a bright and popu-lar 13-year-old, was raped and suffocated during a school irip to Brittany three weeks ago. Her body was found on a mattress in the dormitory she was sharing with four other girls at a youth hostel in the village of Pleine Fougères near St Malo near St Malo. Staff and pupils have been

receiving counselling since returning from the trip. It is feared that the presence of the French investigation team will reopen the wounds the community has been trying to heal, particularly as they are

to the French Ministry of Justice to come to Britain. Although he is known to in the dark over plans to sub-ject some of her classmates to DNA testing. want to DNA test five teenage boys who went to Pleine Fouwith the

The mother of one of Caro-line's close friends spoke yes-terday of her concern at the likely impact of renewed communication of this questioning. Carole Mayne, an aerobics instructor, who works at the school, said: "Everybody wants the person who has done it to be caught.

I don't think they should in-volve the children any more. They have had enough." The investigation into Caroline's death was thrown into disarray last week when French police released Pa-trice Padé, a 39-year-old vabroken. Just as they were try-ing to get over it, it's all back in the news again." Victoria, who had known Caroline for grant who had confessed to the crime. DNA tests showed he could not have committed the rape. Gérard Zaug, the examin-

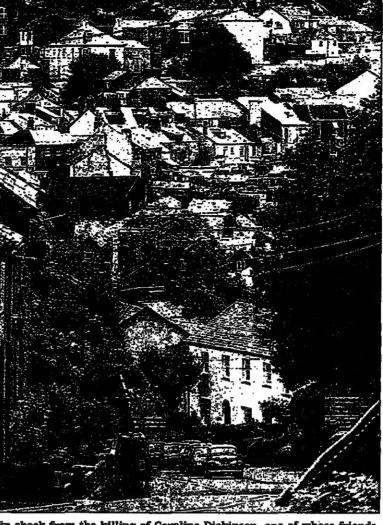
ing magistrate in charge of the case, has applied formally A spokesman for the Corn-wall Education Authority said: "It is exasperating that even at this stage there is no

people [the French investiga tors] want to talk to."

from the French authorities. Two male teachers and a bus driver with the party were tested before the school party left France. Ms Mayne whose 13-year-old daughter, Victoria, did not go to Brittany, said news of Mr Padé's release and the talk of further interviews had been devastating. "All the children are going to be heart-

three or four years had been "in a hell of a state" since her friend's murder.

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Launceston is in shock from the killing of Caroline Dickinson, one of whose friends, Victoria Mayne, top left, with mother Carole, is 'in a HOTOGRAPHS: TIM CUF

BRITAIN 5 Police chiefs vote to cut drink limit

Vivek Chaudhary

HE Association of Chief Police Officers (Acpo) voted yesterday to support the lowering of the drink-drive limit, claiming it would lead to fewer deaths. The decision by Acpo's traf-fic committee is expected to

be ratified by the organisa-tion's chief constables council in October. All 43 police forces in England and Wales were consulted before yester-day's unanimous decision.

day's unanimous decision. Announcing support to lower the limit from 80mg per 100ml of blood to 50mg, David Williams, chalrman of the traffic committee said: "Acpo has consistently advised drivers not to drink any alco-hol before driving, and this is still the case. still the case. "What we are saying now is

that the evidence available supports the belief that the 50mg limit would save more lives and at the same time be acceptable to the public. "Attitudes towards drink-ing and driving have hard-ened since the original limit

was set, largely thanks to public education and the success of government campaigns." Mr Williams added that even if the Government did not lower the limit, the target-ing of persistent drink- change it."

despite Acpo's decision. He added: "We think that we are at a sensible limit and have no immediate plans to change it. The number of drink-related deaths has fallen from 1,600 in 1979 to around 600 today. There's a fair degree of public under-standing of the current limit

Convicted driver urges zero

alcohol level to deter risk takers

David Johnson knew he was released on parole after 18 months. When he left supping three pints in his local pub. but home was only two miles away and the worst prison he received death threats and was told by police to leave his home for his own that could have happened, he says, was that he might have safety. He now lives 70 miles from his family and fears neighbours might find out been breathalysed, writes VIvek Chaudhary. Said Mr Johnson (not his

about his drink-driving con-viction. "I certainly contem-plated suicide," Mr Johnson said on BBC Radio 4's Today sain Mr Johnson (not his real name): "I never thought I was not fit to drive." As he left the pub for his Cleveland home three years ago, he ap-proached a Pelican crossing. "It was green and the next programme yesterday. "That To made children orphans, I will regret it for the rest of my thing I knew, the windscreen had shattered. When I recov-ered from the shock I was told

Mr Johnson still enjoys a drink in his local pub but claims despite the law and yesterday's decision by ACPO, drink-driving is still endemic and partially accepted in society. "They

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David Sharrock Ireland Correspondent

leader John Hume

divisions became apparent, yesterday when a West Bel-fast councillor launched a stinging attack on party

David Sharrook
Ireland Correspondentsents the staunchly republi-
can Twinbrook estate, was
speaking after his house was
attacked early yesterday. On
Tuesday evening he spoke out
against punishment beatings
in a Channel 4 documentary.to recognise a number of
republicans among the gang.
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Mr Hume's office said he | roads made by Sinn Fein in was on holiday and unavail-able for comment, but his aide Mark Durkan said: "I can understand Hugh's sense

its traditional vote at the May 30 elections. Some SDLP I had killed three women. I went from a normal life into a

Critic of Hume's links with Sinn Fein president threatens to resign over series of attacks

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aide Mark Durkan said: "I members believe Mr Hume's can understand Hugh's sense strategy of bringing Sinn Fein of hurt and frustration but it in from the cold has not is completely misplaced to try to direct it at John Hume." any nearer and has only

nightmare within seconds." Mr Johnson, a research sci-entist, was found to be nearly twice above the legal limit Mr Lewsley's outburst strengthened the extreme is not and was convicted of caraless is people the idea they can drink and was convicted of caraless is people the idea they can drink and was convicted of caraless is people the idea they can drink and get away with it, which three years imprisonment. He

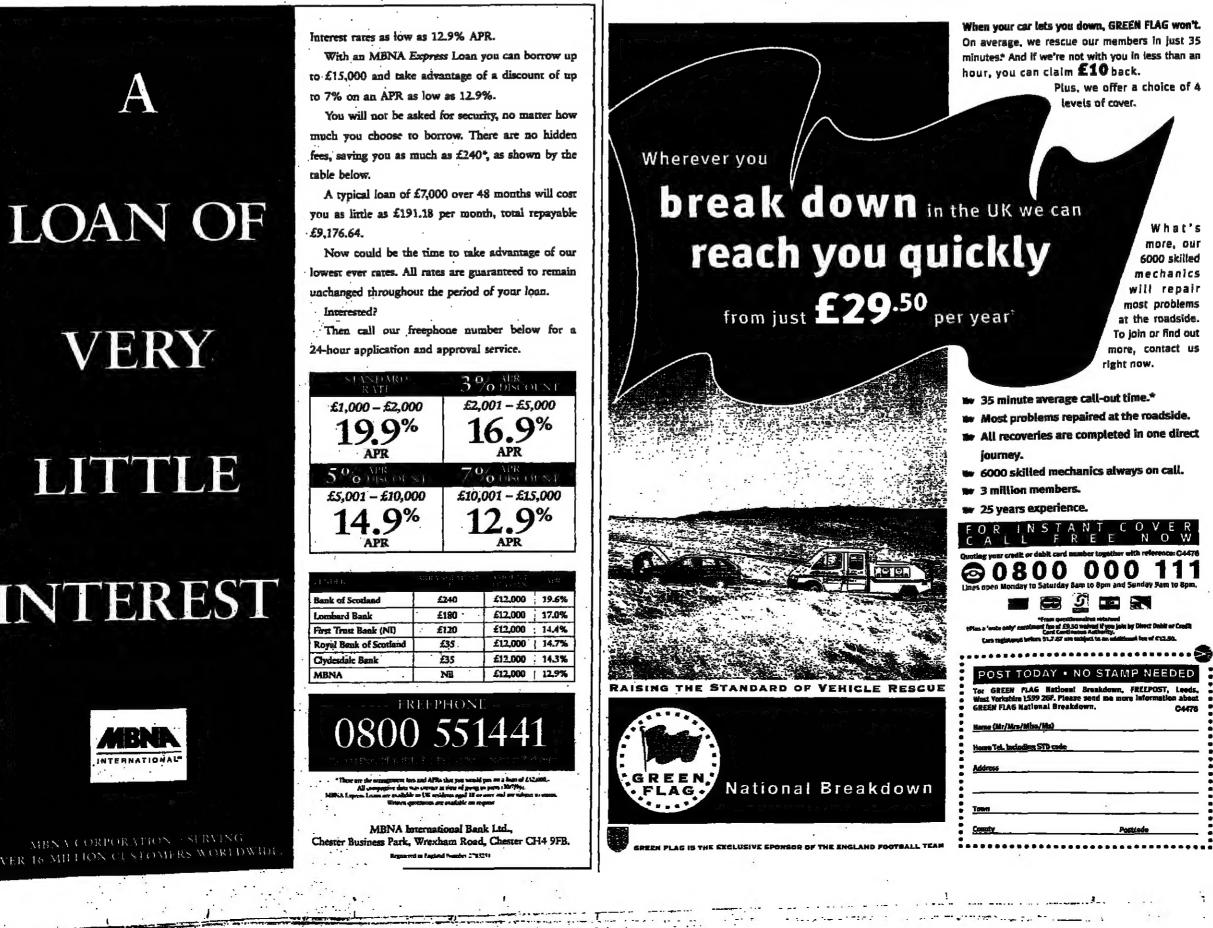
drivers involved in accidents, would continue. Acpo was also looking to change the laws to give police more pow-ers to target drink-drivers. "Random breath tests have parser been supported by the never been supported by the police but we need more powers than we have at the mo-ment," said Mr Williams. Acpo's stance is being backed by the British Medical Association and motoring organisations. The transport minister,

drivers, and testing all

John Bowis, has already ruled out any change to the limit, claiming the current level is "fair and reasonable" and enjoyed wide public ac-ceptance. He claimed that in countries where the limit is below from the public acbelow 80mg, "there is no evi-dence they have a better record than we do". A spokesman for the De-

partment of Transport said yesterday that it would con-tinually keep the drink-drive limit under review but there were no plans to change it,

and there is no reason to



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6 WORLD NEWS Peace pact falters in Chechenia

James Neek in Moscow

CEASEFIRE in the Chechen capital Grozny seemed likely despite an apparent fall-off in fighting, after Russia's top military commander in the region accused rebel snipers of shooting eight of his men through the head and vowed

to clear them from the city. Lieutenant-General Konstantin Pulikovsky told Inter-fax news agency that his en-voy had passed on to rebels his "protest and indignation at their actions".

"I do not intend to make any further agreements with the rebel fighters." he said. He was absolving himself of any responsibility for further escalation of the conflict and the operation to "destroy" the rebels in Grozny would

continue. Earlier - after denying rebel reports of a truce - he admitted that he had agreed informally with the rebel mil-itary leader Aslan Maskhadov that Russian troops would not open fire unless provoked.

Separatist sources reported only sporadic shooting on the outskirts of the capital yesterday. But rebel commanders say

they have no intention of leaving the city, much of which they control after nine days of fighting.

It was always unlikely that Moscow would agree to talks with the separatists until their fighters left or were forced out of Grozoy.

The rebels accused Russian helicopters of unleashing rockets on refugees leaving Grozny after the ceasefire began at midday yesterday. One report said 10 refugees were killed. The rebels also ministration in the region.

Gaullists try to keep corruption a closed book

But a determined

Even after convictions, the French author has discovered that foul play is rife at the India scuppers test ban treaty

said that on Tuesday a Russian aircraft fired on a truck transporting refugees 30 miles east of Grozny, killing 29 people. Another air attack on an funeral had killed six, the rebels said A Russian government aid agency said 15,000 refugees had already fled Grozny. Eyewitness reports suggest that refugees and armed rebels often use the same routes and Russian soldiers have repeatedly shown that - given a choice between causing civil-

ian deaths and letting sus pected rebels escape - the they will shoot, even in heavily built-up areas The rebel side said Gen Pul-

reported a Russian air attack

in southern Chechenia at

.30pm yesterday. The Moscow-backed Che-

chen civilian administration

ikovsky's initial denial that he had reached an agreement with Gen Maskhadov showed that a pro-war faction in Mos cow had been alarmed by the prospect of peace raised by the recent visit to the repub-lic of the Russian national security adviser, Alexander Lebed

"Alexander Lebed's peace initiative has panicked those forces in Moscow which stand behind this dirty war, who are afraid of taking responsi-bility for these bloody crimes they have committed in Che chenia," Gen Maskhadov said

Last night the commercial Russian television channel NTV reported that President Boris Yeltsin had signed a new decree setting out new measures to end the Cheche conflict. It was not immedi-ately clear whether this was the decree which Gen Lebed had sought, which would give

Chris Drake in Nicosia

GREEK Cypriot was killed and two un-Aarmed British soldiers serving with the UN peace-keeping force were wounded yesterday in clashes which erupted after the killing of

another Greek Cypriot in the buffer zone between the island's Greek and Turkish communities. The soldiers, members of 39 Regiment. Royal Artillery, had been sent to the south-east of the island as

reinforcements to the Aus-trian contingent. They were not seriously hurt. The clashes occurred less

than an hour after the fu-neral of Tassos Isaac, a Greek Cypriot aged 24, who was beaten to death during ceasefire line. a demonstration on

for signature.

This route, however, has no

guarantee of success. Without

Sumay. Hundreds of young mourners marched to the UN's buffer zone at Dher-ynia. The Greek Cypriot police and military forces failed to hold back the demonstrators and large num-bers headed to the no man's was panic. land, from where the Turkish troops and Turkish Cyp-

riot police could be seen. The unarmed UN peace-keepers in their blue belmets had formed a human chain and seemed to be controlling the situation.

lines shots rang out and he fell dead, a cigarette still in the corner of his mouth. move Then more shots came from the same area and there

The British soldiers took 'completely unwarranted cover as the demonstrators reaction fled. There was a shout from one soldier for an ambulance, but even as it ar-rived, some Greek Cypriots returned to try to reach the

to keep their distance and back behind their own police barriers Within hours, the UN had protested to the Turkish forces in the north against what it described as a

The dead man, aged 26, was a refugee from Turk-ish-occupied Famagusta. He had been living in Para-

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Solomos Spyron broke free from UN soldiers to climb this flagpole and was shot dead from behind Turkish lines

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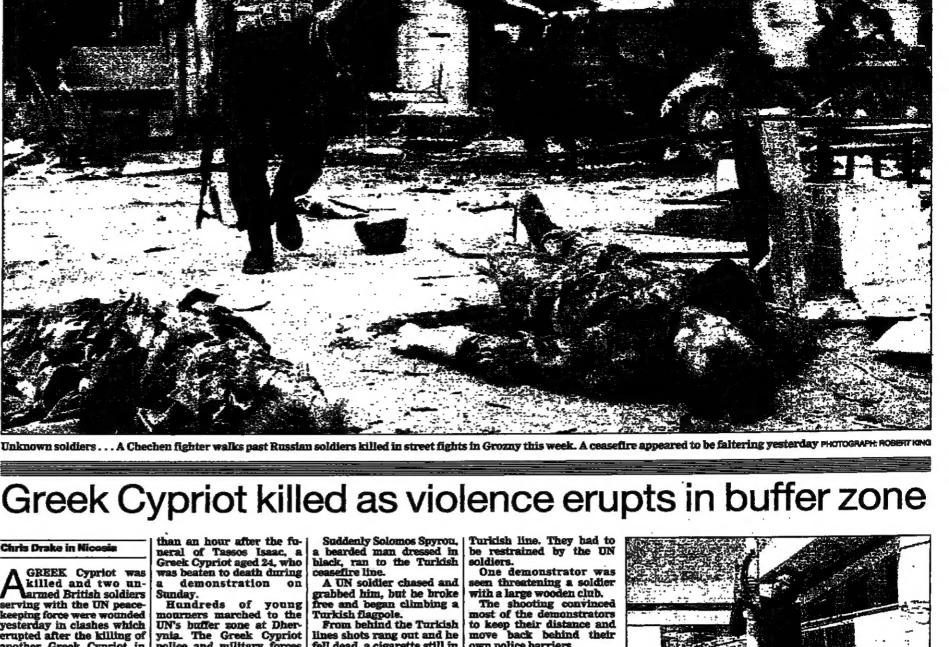
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play is rife at the highest level, writes **Paul Webster**

HE few examining mag-istrates and investigative journalists who reveal high-level corruption in France face an uphill battle against a Gaullist administra tion determined to protect politicians and businessmen. Le Canard Enchaine, the

country's leading anti-corruption campaigner, described Jacques Chirac's lack of hypocrisy as almost praise-worthy after Gaullist officials were appointed to the top public prosecution offices, where they have shelved scandals with the wave of the hand.

But this has added to the credibility of a surprise best-selling book which highlights top-level complacency about institutionalised fraud.

Pendant les Affaires, les Affaires Continuent (business as usual despite the scandals), by the former investigative reporter Denis Robert, aged 38, names names and exam-ines why so few people in-volved in the widespread corvolved in the widespread cor-ruption of French officialdom ind business are called to account.

"One of my informers told me that 99 per cent of national and local government con-tracts... depend on commis-sions or backhanders. But of the dozens of businessmen accused of corruption, none

has been sentenced," he said. "Despite Mr Chirac's campaign promise to ensure an independent judicial system, this is impossible when pub lic prosecutors act as political commissars."

Some internationally known firms, including Bouygues, Ly-onnaise des Eaux, Dassault, Elf-Aquitaine. Alcatel and, above all, Crédit Lyonnais, are among scores of companies under investigation in connec-tion with possible illegal party funding or the personal enrichment of ministers

But legal action depends almost entirely on a few coura-geous examining magistrates acting independently.

"At least half the cases are the result of contacts by journalists who have received information from well-placed sources but who need official support to avoid a libel case," said Mr Robert.

A promise by Mr Chirac to tighten up defamation laws by reinforcing the secrecy of examining magistrates' in-quiries could effectively ban the reporting of political fraud unless a government court case was authorised.

ances concerning fraud. A Gaullist former minister, Alain Carignon, remains chairman of the Rhône-Alpes government while in jail awaiting the result of an appeal against fraud charges. The book has sold well largely due to public frustra tion at the limited exposure of

armament ambassador. Stephen Ledogar, confirmed that the Indian envoy, Arund-hati Ghose, had rejected the corruption by the media. "My book was commis-sioned by Plon but they dropped out at the last minute text of the Comprehensive because of links with compa Nuclear Test Ban Treaty nies named as accomplices (CTBT) and blocked its trans-mission to a full Conference and lucrative book contracts with politicians suspected of corruption," Mr Robert said. "Luckily, Stock took over, but the heat has been invested by on Disarmament (CD). India has long wanted sub-stantial changes to the treaty the book has been ignored by most of the influential press notably Le Figaro." text. particularly on commit-ments to a time-bound frame-

He resigned from the news-paper Libération when it was work for disarmament. New Delhi was opposed to the sold to a conglomerate owned by the Seydoux family, who helped finance former presi-dent François Mitterrand's text's entry-into-force (EIF) formula, the provision for the treaty taking effect. In the current text, the five election campaign. He believes journalists nuclear powers — the United States, Russia, Britain.

have come to terms with in-stitutionalised fraud which. France and China - plus the threshold nuclear states - India, Pakistan and Israel - are according to one of his best required to ratify the treaty placed informers, involves a highly organised flow of kick ore it can become effective. back cash being ferried to fis-cal havens in Switzerland and the British Isles

Even the odd supposed Mr Clean is sullied in the book. Henri Emmanuelli, the for mer Socialist Party leader who arranged Mr Mitterrand's election fund, just failed to become the left's **Christopher Zinn in Sydney** presidential candidate last year. Had he won, he would

now be under pressure to say why he concealed the pur-chase of a villa in Spain. RITAIN and the other Bruclear powers should cut their weapons stock-But under the present judipiles as a matter of urgency. an international report pubcial system, a prosecution would be just as unlikely as lished yesterday adv

Highlighting the threat of in the case of dubious prop-erty deals affecting Mr terrorism and nuclear proliferation, the report from the multinational Canberra Com-Chirac, his prime minister, Alain Juppé, and many of mission for the Elimination their friends.

of Nuclear Weapons said the end of the cold war provided "a uniquely favourable moment" to do away with all nuclear weapons. The report also called on the United States and Russia

to take their nuclear forces off a state of alert. The 17 scientists, statesmen and former cold war warriors

urged the five declared nuclear countries — Britain China, France, Russia and the United States - to commit themselves unequivocally to complete puciear disarmament by 1997.

The commission, which was set up by the Labour gov-ernment before its defeat in March, included the former US defence secretary Robert

Bernard Tapie: remains MP and MEP despite scandals McNamara and the former

has blocked the treaty on approve the treaty and open it Commission on the Elimina-Stephen Young those grounds. The question is, how did ners reach this impa-S EXPECTED, India yesterday blocked the long-delayed global nuand what can be done about it? The simplest solution

clear test ban treaty. would be to alter the EIF formula so that India is not required to sign. However, Russia and China appear ada-After a closed-door interna tional committee meeting in Geneva, the United States dismant about keeping the current formula

While all the negotiators support the goal of having the eight countries on board, most

Sunday

The commitment of some states was

questioned, since the all-or-nothing

approach seemed needlessly high-risk

opposed the requirement for (In one, the nuclear state their signatures, particularly after India stated it would not could agree to stronger lan-guage regarding disarmament sign. Some diplomats ques-tioned the commitment of in the preamble of the treaty, a move that would answer many of the non-aligned countries concerns. At this late stage, those states to a test ban, since an all-or-nothing approach that seems unlikely. ed needlessly high-risk. Other options will now have to be considered.

The most likely scenario is that "friends of the treaty" its national sovereignty, and Nations. The UN could then

control and security of Rus-

sia's nuclear arsenal and said

the danger of terrorist groups

acquiring nuclear weapons or material was "a growing

threat to the international

It warned: "Political up-

heaval or the weakening of

state authority in a nuclear weapon state could cripple ex-

the safe handling and control

The chairman, the Oxford

professor Robert O'Neill;

said: "Nuclear weapons were quintessential weapons of the

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the CD's approval, any treaty taken to the UN would be agree to create a forum for discussions about nuclear open to amendment. Many countries, particularly from the non-aligned movement, have substantial difficulties disarmament on the CD. Such a forum, frequently advocated by non-aligned countries, need not have a mandate to negotiate a treaty with the CTBT text and could offer amendments that might then make the treaty unaclike the CTBT. It would allow countries to make proposals ceptable to the nuclear states. There are possible solutions for disarmament, raise con-

cerns and report progress. The international commu nity committed itself to achieving the treaty this year at the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Conference last year in New York. It would prevent the development of new weapons and halt dam-

caused by tests The question now is whether the nuclear powers will find the political will to achieve it.

Stephen Young is a senior an-alyst at the British American The second option would be to take steps outside the treaty but still on nuclear dis-Security Information Council an international research organisation based in London and Washington. He has just armament, an option highlighted by a report issued yes-terday by the Canberra returned from the negotic tions in Geneva

Cut nuclear stockpiles, report urges

Howard said,

the report to the United Nations General Assembly in September and the Confer ence on Disarmament in 1997. Mr Howard thanked the committee, which also in-cluded a former commander in chief of the US nuclear had increa If the ranks of the declared

forces, General Lee Butler, and the British scientist and Nobel peace laureata Joseph tion of proliferation.

French prime minister Mi-chel Rocard. It raised doubts about the ban muclear testing; further "A world free of the threat non-strategic nuclear weapons; ban nuclear testing; further reduce US and Russian nuof nuclear destruction is not only a common goal of both sides of politics in Australia clear arsenals; apply a "no but a common goal of mankind around the world," Mr

> The commission said the end of superpower confrontation had not removed the danger of nuclear catastrophe, because the risk of accidents

and undeclared nuclear states increased even by one, the commission said, there would be a high risk of a chain reac-



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Australia is due to pr

He's adamant that his notion of using computers to compare brain scans is the only good idea he's ever had. He tells me this when I arrive, and once again just before I leave. Then again, he is accustomed to dealing with people with poor memories.

lian prime minister. John Howard, yesterday, put for-ward six steps: take nuclear OnLine, G2 page 10 forces off alert remove war-

cease to exist". - Reuter. **Rats in river** Thousands of dead rats have been found floating in a river in the north-east Indian state of Assam, frightening people from fishing and drawing water, officials said yester-

day. - Reuter. age to the environment **Bucharest** accord Romania and Hungary an-

nounced in Bucharest ye day that they have reached ement on the final text of a basic treaty, meant to bring to an end decades of verbal

conflict between them, writes Nick Thorpe in Budapest. Saudis 'confess' A Saudi opposition group claimed yesterday that six Muslim militants had been ar-

rested and had confe the lorry bombing in June whichh killed 19 US airmen in eastern Saudi Arabia. Neither Saudi nor US officials have announced any arrests. — AP.

Berlin shooting

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Jail term call

A Berlin policeman shot himelf in the backside yesterday when a spent cartridge ejected from a fellow officer's pistol hit him on the neck during firing practice. "Shocked by the unexpected pain, the officer reached back

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Corsica blast with his pistol in his hand to

A booby-trapped parcel ex-ploded yesterday in front of remove the hot cartridge and a shot was fired," the police the law courts building in central Ajaccio, Corsica, caus-ing significant damage but no injuries, police said. The Prosecutors in Hamburg debuilding is a frequent target of bombing attacks by Corsimanded the maximum fiveyear jail sentence yesterday can separatists seeking for the US noo-Nazi leader greater autonomy. - Reuter. can separatists seeking

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north following an outbreak of cholera that has left six people dead and infected at least 54, officials said yesterday. - Reuter. **Editors arrested** Two editors of the opposition weekly magazine The News, Bayo Onanuga and Babafemi

swamping Germany with ex-

tremist rightwing propaganda

Nearly 2,000 foreigners were

trapped in Mongolia after offi-cials sealed off parts of the

over 20 years. — Reuter.

Aliens trapped

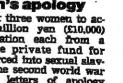
Ojudu, have been arrested by the Nigerian security authori ties, a human rights group said. The magazine said that the oil minister, Dan Etete, was untouchable because of his closeness to the military untouchable because of ruler, General Sani Abacha. - Reuter.

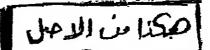
Japan's apology

The first three women to accept 2 million yen (£10,000) compensation each from a Japanese private fund for being forced into sexual slav-ery in the second world war received letters of apology yesterday from Japan's prime minister, Ryutaro Hashi-moto. — AP.

Islamic victims

Algerian security agents have killed six Islamic militants who may have been involved in the killing of a Roman Catholic bishop earlier this month, the newspaper Kl Wa-tan reported. Police killed five militants in a raid on an aban-doned residence near the outskirts of Oran, 220 miles west of Algiers, and a sixth in con-tral Oran. - AP.





Since the coup, thousands of civilians have died

Hutus slaughtered in military assault

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URUNDI'S over-whelmingly Tutsi army has killed sev-eral thousand civil-ians since the military coup

Its offensive against Hutus has concentrated on a swath of territory across the centre concession from countries in-posing the regional blockade which has shut off interna-tional flights and closed land borders: United Nations and convoys arrived from Tanzaof the country, as well as land bordering rebel camps in Zaire.

Survivors accuse the army of using mortars and heavy weapons in attacks on groups convoys arrived from Tanza-nia yesterday, the first since sanctions were imposed. In a sign of increasing mili-tarisation, Maj Buyoya has replaced four civilian regional governors with army of unarmed women, children and men, with no insurgents in sight. A foreign official who

works closely with Burundi's army said he had no doubt that when Major Pierre officers. Buyoya seized power late last month the military took it as a signal for a new assault on Hutu rebels and civilians Tharcisse Ntibarirarana, a alike "It's clear this is more than

demned a massacre of Hutu students by their Tutsi classthe retaliation against civil-ians we had before. The army has taken on thousands of mates while the army stood recruits and there's an opera-tion in blocks of the country

to clear people out," he said. "They are just going from hill to hill killing people. The army says it is killing rehels, problem is soldiers ee Hutu civilians and rebels

one and the same, and shelling people who have fied at's how they treat them." that's how they treat them." The continuing bloodshed will do little to help Maj Buyoya win over neighbour-ing governments, despite his ter an hillsides.

Although independent verification of death tolls is al-most impossible, foreign announcement that he will soon appoint a new civilian parliament and that within three years he will bring in some kind of democratic rule. Burundi has won just one concession from countries in-orstrog the regional blockade

"The army's sometimes un

disciplined. There are deplorable situations at times. But we formed a commission to find out what was going on and there's two officers in prison for that now," he said. "The acts of indiscipline are just isolated incidents, so

people don't have to be afraid of the army as a whole. "With the arrival of by. The military has been tied to other massacres in the province. Survivors of as-Buyoya, who knows the army well, there will be more disci-pline. The tension between saults in Giheta commune, in eastern Gitega, say an army

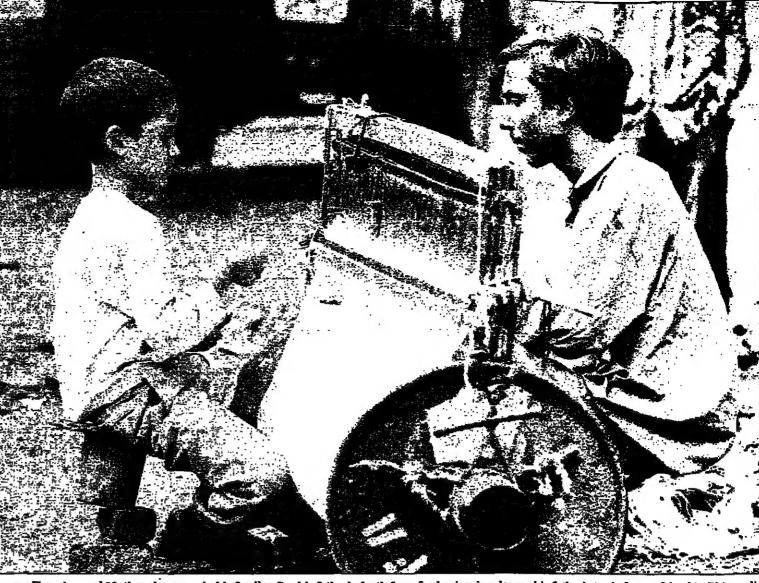
attack launched two days after the coup is continuing. Victims accuse the military of

Some survivors say they be-lieve the army is attempting to carve out safe areas for Tutsi peasants by clearing Hutus from their land. The head of military intelli-gence, Colonel Jean-Bosco Daradangwe, denied that a co-ordinated offensive had been launched but did admit civil-ians were dving.

the army and the people is dissipating quickly. We see it

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REPUBLICAN CONVENTION: Delegates pray their man can deliver speech of his life Dole woos soldiers and odd bedfellows

selection must now be justified, writes Martin Walker

THE generally morose and taciturn Bob Dole must lift his party and stamp his can-didacy upon a distracted country with the speech of his life as he formuly extents the with Hillary Clinton. Republican presidential formal speeches of nomina-nomination tonight The modest bounce the Dole. Again it reflected the Republicans have seen so far patriotic theme, with the top in the opinion polls has been slot going to a Vietnam war

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The nominee's country moving again, get it growing again, get it to be overshadowed by the ver-bal pyrotechnics of Mr Kemp. Indeed, chants of "Kempup," he said as his wife, Eliza-beth, prepared her own address, billed as the high-light of last night's session. Having stressed the con-trast between the war veteran Wr Dole and the draft didging

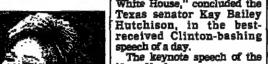
Mr Dole and the draft-dodging President Clinton, the Republicans now want to contrast Mrs Dole, a veteran of the Reagan and Bush cabinets,

The main business of the



ing, promise-breaking, social security-taxing, health care-socialising, drug-coddling, socialising, drug-coddling, power-grabbing, business-busting, lawsuit-loving, UN-following, FBL-abusing, \$200-haircutting, gas-taxing, over-regulating, bureaucracy-trusting, class-baiting, privacy-violating, values-crushing, truth-dodging, Medicare-forsaking, property rights-taking, job-destroying friends. "And that's just in the

"And that's just in the White House," concluded the Texas senator Kay Bailey



The tent is not big enough for camp followers, writes Jonathan Freedland

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for gays. "The roots of our party are that people have inalienable rights," says a Californian activist, Bor-den Moller. Republicans, he says, aim to keep government out of people's wallets and their bed-rooms, whether they're gay Many in the Log Cabin look to the libertarian

T CERTAINLY looks like a big tent. But it's not hig enough for the 10,000 mem-ty's unlikeliest group: the Log Cabin association of respin and gaya. They have been holding the bars of the Republican size of the spoken supporter of gay rights and was one of the Barry Goldwater, the Republican nominee of 1964. Now in his eighties, Mr Goldwater is an ont-spoken supporter of gay rights and was one of the Barry Goldwater, the nominee of spoken supporter of gay rights and was one of the Barry Goldwater is an ont-spoken supporter of gay rights and was one of the Barry Goldwater, the spoken supporter of gay rights and was one of the Barry Goldwater is an ont-spoken supporter of gay rights and was one of the Barry Goldwater is an ont-spoken supporter of gay rights and was one of the Barry Goldwater is an ont-spoken supporter of gay rights and was one of the Barry Goldwater is an ont-spoken supporter of gay rights and was one of the Barry Goldwater is an ont-spoken supporter of gay rights and was one of the Barry Goldwater is an ont-spoken supporter of gay rights and was one of the Barry Goldwater is an ont-spoken supporter of gay rights and was one of the Barry Goldwater is an ont-spoken supporter of gay rights and was one of the Barry Goldwater is an ont-spoken supporter of gay rights and was one of the Barry Goldwater is an ont-spoken supporter of gay rights and was one of the Barry Goldwater is an ont-spoken supporter of gay rights and was one of the spoken supporter of gay rights and was one of the spoken supporter of gay rights and was one of the spoken supporter of gay rights and was one of the spoken supporter of gay rights and was one of the spoken supporter of gay rights and was one of the spoken supporter of gay rights and was one of the spoken supporter of gay rights and was one of the spoken supporter of gay rights and was one of the spoken supporter of gay rights and was one of the spoken supporter of gay rights and was one of the spoken supporter of gay rights and was one of the spoken support their own convention in President Clinton's 1993 San Diego, a gesture of pro-test at the party's failure to effort to lift the ban on gays

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News in brief

Nigeria opens door to Commonwealth

COMMONWEALTH countries are consulting on a Nigerian offer to receive a group of foreign ministers to discuss condi-tions for the restoration of the country's Commonwealth membership. This was suspended last year after the execution of Ken Saro-Wiwa and other activists in the Ogoni region. Nigeria has been told that the timing — the end of this month

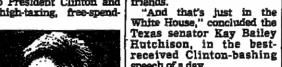
- is acceptable. But the Nigerians, according to press reports in Lagos, have suggested formal talks in the capital with General Sani Abacha, the country's military ruler, and ministers, which would not meet the conditions laid down by the Commonwealth. The foreign ministers are believed to have asked previously to be allowed to see prominent detainees such as Mushood Abiols, the presumed winner of a s 1933 presidential election annulled by the military, and General Olusegun Obasanjo, imprisoned for alleged coup plotting. — Foreign staff.

US troops let Mladic go

UNITED STATES troops ducked an apparent opportunity to mander wanted for war crimes, it emerged yesterday. Nato said that on Saturday when a team of US weapons inspectors arrived in Han Pijesak, Gen Miadic's headquarters, ami demanded to inspect an arms dump, they were told Gen Mladic was present and would escort them around the site. The Nato-led peace implementation force (I-For) is mandated to arrest suspected war criminals if encountered in the course of normal duties. Major-General John Sylvester said yesterday that the team decided that it was "not prudent" to confront the general as the patrol was only seven strong. - Julian Borger, Zagreb.

Indeed, chants of "Kemp-Dole" have already been heard in the convention ball Although the ideological fissures remain, the Republi-cans are united in their loath-

ing of Mr Clinton, and they thrilled to the ferocious attacks unleashed upon him this week. "America, it is time to wake up to President Clinton and his high-taxing, free-spend-



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hero and former prisoner-ofdue to the choice of Jack Kemp as vice-presidential war, Senator John McCain of candidate and the parading of Arizona. its illustrious new recruit, retired general Colin Powell. With the latest polls showing Mr Clinton leading by be-tween 13 and 19 points, Mr Now the party returns to the reality of an uphill cam-paign led by Mr Dole. His message of tax cuts, pat-riotism and moral character Dole has to justify his candidacy. The Republicans are be-coming hopeful that with Mr Kemp, Gen Powell and tax cuts in their armoury they may yet maintain control of the House of Representatives was trailed yesterday as he spoke to a delegation of Vietnam veterans, flanked by banners with his campaign sloand Senate. gan "A better man for a better

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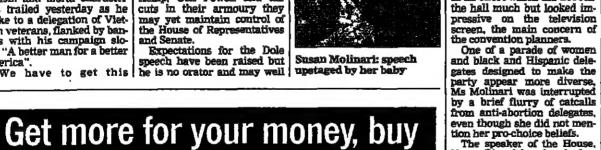
merica". "We have to get this he is no orator and may well upstaged by her baby



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Expectations for the Dole



from anti-abortion delegates, even though she did not mention her pro-choice beliefs. The speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich, also had a prop. A golden retriever joined him for a speech which was greeted by a carefully rehearsed "spontaneous" demonstration for which "We

American Dream.

in an effort which did not stir

Love Newt" posters had been distributed around the hall. distributed around the hall. He is seeking to soften his image, and also wheeled out America's Olympic gold med-allist in beach velleyball. "No bureaucrat could have in-vented this sport." Mr Ging-rich proclaimed.

in fact, as the Los Angeles Times was quick to point out, California's beach volleyball courts were built by the state and county recre departments.

Susan Molinari was memoraprovide a sufficiently "big tent" to accomodate every-one. The phrase appears in their speeches and on lapel stickers, a two-word plea ble more for the appearance of her baby daughter than for the weary rhetoric of the "America knows that Bill for acceptance. Clinton's promises have the life-span of a Big Mac on Air Force One," was her best line "You don't have to em

brace us - we're not touchy-feely Democrats just don't bash us," says the group's spokesman, David Greer. It's a tall order in a party which includes America's

londest anti-gay campaigners and whose new mani-festo demands a ban on gay marriages. The Log Cabin Republicans pay tribute in their choice of name to the hum-ble origins of the party's founder, Abraham Lincoln. His battle was against slav ery and for basic human

rights; Republican homosexuals say they are locked in a struggle for nothing less The Log Cabiners say they are Republicans for the same reasons as anyone

else: they believe in lower taxes and a smaller govern-ment. Many earn above average incomes and run their own businesses. Just because they have a different stance on sexuality should not, they say, dis-qualify them from the party which best repre-sents their beliefs.

sents their beliefs. What's more, they see the party as the natural home to the extreme right?"

The president eventually backled under a campaign led — as gay Republicans are quick to point out — by Democrats in Congress, not Republicans.

American homosexuals, who had voted overwhelm-ingly for Mr Clinton in 1992, became disenchanted. Two years later, up to a third of gays were voting

Republic Now that trand could be reversed once again. It was a Republican effort that led to this year's Defence of Marriage Act, banning same-sex unions. "That was an anti-gay vote, in-spired by an animus of ha-tred," says Mr Greer.

Members of the Log Cabin refused at first to en-dorse Bob Dole. They said they would only back him if he explicitly asked for their support; if he didn't, they would consider themselve snubbed. Mr Dole has met them half way, letting them know he would "welcome"

an endorsement if one were offered. David Greer explains the

dilemma. "Our credibility as Republicans is jeopar-dised if we don't endorse for a second time," he says, referring to the group's refusal to back George Bush in 1992. "But how can

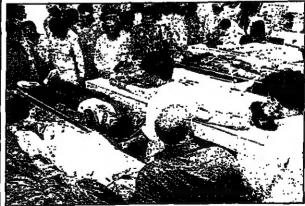
Internet 'police' launched

SINGAPORE hopes to block pornography and other banned material from the Internet next month by launching a system to police cyberspace.

The "proxy server" is the first censorship weapon unveiled by the government since it announced last month that internet users were banned from criticising the government, showing pornography and discussing race and religion. From September 15, Internet providers must channel the coun-

try's 120,000 subscribers through the servers, preventing them from seeing about a dozen sites, said Ahmad Suhaimi, a spokes man for the Singapore Broadcasting Authority. - AP, Singapore.

Massacre at Sunni rally



FAMILIES are brought into a Karachi mortuary to identify the victims of gunmen who killed 12 people and wounded 11 in an attack yesterday on a militant Sunni Muslim procession celebrating Pakistan's independence

Bullets were sprayed at a cavalcade of vehicles taking supporters of the Sipah e-Sahaba Pakistan (SSP) group to the rally in eastern Karachi.

The chief minister of Sind province, Abdullah Shah, said the attack was "organised by a religious group".

which he declined to name. The SSP has long had a feud with Pakistan's Shi'ite Muslim minority, especially the militant Sipah-e-Muhammad Pakistan group. — Reuter, Karachi.

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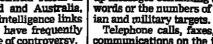
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land prime minister, refused to comment yesterday. About a third of the GCSB's analysts spy on Japanese commercial and diplomatic traffic, according to Mr Hager. He adds that the GCSB also

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A-levels still pass the test

Although there are serious questions to be raised

THERE will be more - and wider - | (with higher standards needed for good. smiles in homes with A-level pupils today. For the ninth successive year more pupils have passed the exam and more achieved an A grade. Yet even before pupils have opened the enve-lopes with their individual results, the sceptics were at work. Sir Rhodes Boyson, former education minister and former headteacher, spoke yesterday of an examination system where there was "no longer any rigour ... the system has gone soft." Stand by for business and university people to join in the debate today bewailing the decline in standards of literacy and numeracy.

Pupils - and teachers - should restrain themselves. The sceptics serve a useful purpose, irksome though it might be to hear them undermining achievements which have taken two long years of study. But there are serious questions which need to be asked and disentangled. Hopefully, the official inquiry into A-level results, set up last year to study "standards over time" and due to report in October, will end what has become an annual debate about the devaluation of the education system's "gold standard".

A-level examinations are no longer restricted to an elite. Designed 45 years ago, they initially catered for only three per cent of the age group. Now over 30 per cent of 18-year-olds take them. Of course they have changed. And so they should. Any nation which confines its education to an elite is doomed to failure in the modern world. Some South East Asian states already send 80 per cent of their 18-year-olds on to higher education. More modestly, the Government wants 60 per cent of young people to have two A-levels or the vocational equivalent by the end of the century. Even though we still fall way below this target, serious researchers have shown a worrying variation in shortfall: applied A-levels. The sooner existing standards: between subjects they start, the better,

grades in maths and science than in arts or humanities), within subjects (with candidates on modular courses in mathematics achieving at least one grade higher than on conventional courses), and between the six different examination boards.

Critics will grumble about three specific issues: the 86 per cent of pupils who obtained a pass this year compared to the 70 per cent in the early days of the exam. But in the early days, the examiners decreeed that 30 per cent would automatically fail. Sensibly, in the 1980s, the exam was "criterion referenced" so that those who reach the required level are awarded a pass. More seriously, critics point to the new modular option under which pupils are awarded 20 per cent for course work, 50 per cent for interim tests as units are completed, with only 30 per cent reserved for the final exam. One study found only four per cent of modular maths students failed, compared to 22 per cent on traditional courses. But exams cannot be judged by failure rates alone. There are obvious advantages to the modular approach in terms of increased motivation and a chance for students to drop out early if they are not making the grade. But standards may be being eroded by the unlimited number of times students can resit unit tests. The Education Secretary is expected to cap the number once her inquiry has reported. The third criticism concerns the degree to which the increase in vocational A-level courses (business studies, photography, media) is eroding standards. But this is misplaced. We need more high quality and challenging vocational courses, not fewer, as our international competitors have demonstrated. This year's Dearing report produced the solution to this



A shooting match on gun law

NE ASPECT of the ar-gument about guns continue but will ensure that WOUR leader astonished NE ASPECT or the au-gument about guns (Fury as Tories reject handgun ban, August 14) has not been aired. It is not the providad. R I Facer

gun that kills, but the bullet. I would like to make a simple set of proposals which I be-lieve would reduce the likeli-Stonemill Cottage

hood or another tragedy: •han the individual pos sion of ammunition other than for shotguns. elicanse the ownership đ ammunition for shotguns. •ban the new ownership of eban the sale to other than police or military bodies of any calibre of ammunition that would not be used in official Olympic sport or is for an agricultural shotgun. erequire that amminition for sporting-club use is held by police and only taken to club facilities under police control and supervision. • ban the holding on private London NW10.

property of ammunition (other than shotgun ammuni tion) and impose an automatically prison sentence on anyone breaking this ban. The objective of the above is to reduce the possibility that any individual, however sane and authorized, may

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HAVE just returned from

two weeks on the Dalmation island of Brac to read Julian

on firearms ("gun freaks" to you) and Sir Ivan Lawrence. complete supervision is

In case you have retained a shred of interest in logic and liberty, allow me to highlight Plungebrook, Rainow, Macclesfield SE10 5TD. one baffling aspect of the de-bate about firearms regula-**VOUR** leader (A contempt tion; the suggestion, now

ible report. August 14) says that "There is no direct repeated even by the commit-tee, that the system of issuing firearm certificates needs to be tightened-up to prevent ancorrelation between guns and crime." A cursory glance at other Dunblane atrocity. the data in the bar chart on page 6 may tell a different Thousands of shooters story. As presented, the corre-lation between household across the country can testify to the extreme rigour with which their applications for the grant or renewal of a firegun-ownership and gun homi-cides is near 0.8. Removing the very curious data for Italy arms certificate have been processed, amounting in many cases to extra-legal har-resement as individual police it rises. Assuming your report has not been over-selective in the choice of data, these values seem quite sigoffices make clear their personal disapproval of firearms ownership — except for them-selves, of course. nificant to ine. Colin Chaimers. 192 Doyle Gerdens,

Further, it must be pointed out that section 27 of the Fire-SURELY the comment by Ian McConchie, general arms Act positively requires a chief officer of police to withhold a firearm certificate from any applicant whom he has reason to believe "to be of intemperate habits or un-sound mind, or to be for any secretary of the National Pistol Association, "A commonthe shooting community should have read "A com-monsense judgment on behalf reason unfitted to

ATTENDED the public hearings of the home affairs committee and it is to their credit that the majority have rejected any official scape-goating of responsible li-

censed gun-owners. What a pity then that Chris Mulien MP has seen fit to play party politics with a complex issue (Gun lobby on the run, August 14). Mullen has no interest in the shooting sports, little knowle them, and a determination that no one else should enjoy them either. His motivations are based on personal dislikes and a political agenda which believes that shooting is the sport of the upper classes and, as such, must be eliminated.

S Andrews. BCM Box 220, London WC1N 3XX.

YOUR abandonment of any pretence of balanced reporting of the select committee's report disgraces the tradition of a once-respected newspaper. It was tabloid journalism to the core - two column inches of summary, drowned in four and a half pages of vituperative comment and onotation.

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Unemployment down again

But job insecurity and inequality remain to be tackled

GOOD NEWS: unemployment contin- | largely a male problem. There has been ues to fall. July's official count — just a big rise in female participation over two million — was a five-year low. women now make up half of the work-British unemployment, at a different force. The new jobs are largely in the stage of the cycle, is falling faster than non-unionised service sector - and part-time, temporary, and low-wage in most of the rest of Europe. But it cannot disguise the rising inequality work has increased across the board. Labour force surveys show that around The Governor of the Bank of England, half of those in part-time and temporary work are happy with their lot cent, although the worries he has exbut the other half would like a full-time pressed to the Chancellor concern inflajob and a contract allowing long term stability, access to 25-year mortgages,

the Prince YOU are right (Leader, Angust 12) to assart that "only a full disclosure of the

facta can allay public concern" about the Greenham Common nuclear accidents. The suspi-cion is that the MoD believes such publication would serve to fuel the fires of fear. For instance, on July 16 the

MoD admitted in a written parliamentary reply to Alan Simpson, MP, that since 1986 there have been seven category 1 accidents involving nuclear weapons in the UK as its dependent territories. Such accidents, the minister emphasised, did not involve a release of radioactive materials and "without exception" did not cause any "hazard either to public safety or that of MoD personnel."

Yet when Simpson asked a week later if the MoD would disclose details by date and location of these accidents, the minister retorted: "No, it remains our policy neither to confirm nor deny the presence of nuclear weapons of any particular time or place." How will we know the truth

if the report remains secret? Someone who might like to know is Prince Charles, who had just started his second

and insecurity in the labour market.

Eddie George, certainly isn't complation. Could we be approaching the point where falling unemployment starts to push inflation up? Mr Clarke thinks not and for the moment at least we can give him the benefit of the doubt. After all. underlying earnings growth since Feb-ruary has been just 3.75 per cent. But the reasons for the Chancellor's confidence are not very reassuring for the labour market.

The Government's supply-side reforms, curbing trade-union power and making it easier to hire and fire, have undoubtedly played a part in growing labour-market insecurity. But not as much as the two deep recessions in the 1980s, that wiped out jobs in manufacturing industry, and created long-lasting insecurity among those still with a job. This helps keep the lid on wage pressure on the shop floor (if not in the board room). The shift against unskilled male labour has been stark, resulting from increasingly hightech production requiring highlytrained workers and, latterly, competiton from Asia. Unemployment is now

and pension plans. Moreover, rising insecurity exacerbates the rise in inequality. The Rowntree Report showed that between 1978 and 1992 hourly earnings of the average man rose by 33 per cent and the highest paid by 50 per cent; the earnings of those at the bottom hardly changed. Inwork poverty explains the growth in numbers below the poverty line.

This mirrors the United States, where wage poverty and rising crime have replaced unemployment at the centre of debate. Improving unemployment figures must be accompanied by policies to reduce inequality and insecurity. The Labour Party's proposed minimum wage would provide a start; flesh on the bones of plans to increase investment, and facilitate continuous training to increase the earnings power of both the unemployed and those already in work. is urgently required. Challenging wage inequality, in-work poverty, and labour market insecurity is a daunting challenge - but it is a challenge to be met

In guickness and in health

Who can spare a full four minutes getting married?

IT'S OFFICIAL. It now takes longer to the time of its rivals.) And as for the heat a Marks and Spencer chicken journey to the register office, why tikka in the microwave (four minutes on 650 watts) than it does to get married. A private member's bill, slipped through Parliament by the Tory MP Julian Brazier and due to become law next year, will shorten the existing registry office vows, thus reducing the whole ceremony to under four minutes.

But why so long? In this busy, busy world of ours, we can think of no legal impediment to make it shorter still. The new bill reduces the actual vows from 46 words to 32, but why stop at 32, why not three: "Yes, okay then," or just "Okay"? These days, who has a full four minutes to waste? Heavens, Donovan Bailey can sprint 100 metres in 9 seconds, and Michael Johnson double Then again, we could marry on planes; that in under 20. (And there's still time left over to a make a cuppa with the new Pifco kettle, due out next month with the promise to boil water in half | and now in quickness and health.

bother? Much simpler surely, to get married by touch-tone phone. "You have reached Hackney town hall. If you know the extension you want, press zero. For residents' parking, press one. To get married, press two." (Immediate computerised version of Widor's Toccata.) "Congratulations caller. End of service. Please hang up now or wait for

one of our operators." Better still, we could combine getting married with other, more useful errands such as going to the cashpoint. "If you require another transaction press enter. Thank you. If, while you are waiting for your cash to be counted you wish to get married press enter." "What do you want for your main course, chicken, fish or marriage?" For richer for poorer, for better for worse,

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undertak Letters to the Editor may be gun-club faxed on 0171 837 4530 or sent pose that by post to 119 Farringdon Road, London EC1R 3ER, and by e-mail to letters@guardian.co.uk.

Busy lines

AM pleased that Armando Iannucci (G2, August 13) is confused by telephone num-bers as much as I am. What bers as much as I am. What puzzles me is why the United States (pop 256 million) man-ages with 10-digit numbers whereas BT seems to feel that the United Kingdom (pop 58 million) needs 11. Mike Clutten. 82 Linkway Gardens, Leicester LE3 (ILU.

A^S ever the Fabian Society failed to understand. It is not God Save The Queen as such that is the problem but the version of the song that is used. The Sex Pistols remake Borger's Zuljana Diary (August 12) telling me that I should have found an archipeof 1977 sums up the modern monarchy much better than the rather tired original. should have found an archipe-ligo resembling "an armed camp" with "next to every sign (for rooms, etc) a Nato jeep or truck" in an area where "if it were not for Nato would be Europe's skeleton coast." Perhaps Brac is better and for the site of former than Tom M Wheeler. 346 Holloway Road, London N7.

served by air and ferries than many places, but the reality in that part of the archipeligo is that every hotel is packed out with tourists (Austrian, Ger-man, Italian, Slovene or Croat the terrest of the archipeligo is that every hotel is packed out with tourists (Austrian, Ger-man, Italian, Slovene or Croat the Macromolecular HERE is still a way in which the Five Nations (Letters, August 14) tourna-ment could be saved: the Unions of the Four Nations (France, Ireland, Scotland and Wales) should invite the mostly - virtually no Brits), cars queue for Jadrolinia's far-ries between the islands, Leicester LEI 7RH Rugby Football League to choose an England side to play rugby union against them. England's share of the profits would accrue to the RFL. Neil Clifton.

114 Windermere Road, Coulsdon, Surrey CR5 2JB.

GIVEN the over-arching Gvalues of the world's religions - humility and compas-sion - it is difficult to understand how the Conservative Party chairman (Mawhinney stokes BBC 'bias row', August 14) expects anything other than an anti-government bias from Thought For The Day. Alan Coombe. 2 Apollo Close,

Hornchurch, Essex RM12 4JU.

N Brighton, the dialogue with Tory posters is con-fused: one has been amanded to read "New Labour; No dan-ger"; another "New Labour; New Anger". A third reads "New Labour; No Anger." Turkish side Roy Pennington. 4 Hendon Street Brighton BN2 2EG.

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police do not have time or resources to a the supervision of ammunition. I pro-	WHY can't those who claim a right to fire guns be content with com-
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1 COD effort is identified and the Montagu Bream. gun club charged *double* the 19 Lower Road, police costs. This will not Chimnor, Oxford OX9 4DT.

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every car park or other halt

ing place is packed with tour-ists' cars - and there is not a

single jeep or Nato soldier to be seen. Even on the main-land, wandering around Split last Saturday, any military presence was invisible. I have no brief to defend the

Tudjuan regime, and I dare-say Borger's account of expe-riences in Hercegovina is au-thentic, but your readers

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Postcard from a Balkan beach

This is a pretty sweeping of the majority view and your catch-all, and that it was not childish name-calling of "Si-Ivan Landog" was unworthy even of the Sun. Incidentally, applied in the case of Thomas Hamilton should lead us to question the afficiency of his like Lawrence and Ashby I local police not the adequacy am a barrister, but I disagree of UK firearms legislation, utterly with the conclusions of their report. which is among the toughest in the world. David Farrer QC. The Grange, 50 Main Street, Hoby, Leicestershire. Anthony Harrison. Address supplied.

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More on that baby business

N the moral panic over fertil-ity it is easy to ignore the advantages secured through technological and medical ad-vances. Without an informed debate, it may be that regres-sive controls are enacted which will limit the possibili-ties offered to us. I write as a childless woman in her 40s, hoping desperately that someone will donate some of their own eggs to me so that I can have the opportunity of bringing up a child with my partner. Name and address supplied.

WHEN is someone going to point out that approxi-mately 87 per cent of IVF cy-cles fail and report on the for-gotten pregnancies — the ectopics and miscarriages following fertility treatment? Ysabelle Boatfield. Cedars Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3

A Country Diary

INVERNIESS SETIRE: Standing under one of the 300-year-old "granny" Scots pine, it was easy to imagine the Great Wood of Caledon that covered so much of the north of Scotland. Some of the mammals have gone, such as the wolf and the beaver - both unfor-tunately still being considered for reintroduction - but there for reminotocicition — out there out wolves and roomers. In the wave tracks of other along the first half of the 19th century, river and droppings of pine marten on the old wooden ing and regular burning for This is one of the surviving fragments of this globally-im-portant habitat and yet, like many others, despite being a nature reserve, it is by management agreement with the owners that in recent years has not been as effective as it crested tits and plants almost should have been. Such im-portant habitats — as in other countries such as Iceland — tresses and lesser twayblade, countries such as Iceland - tresses and lesser twayblade, along with the single-flowered and be managed for wildlife and people. Despite the dull conditions, there were Scotch Argus butterflies on the wing Argus outternies on the wing and a single, speckled wood, which is another of the few butterflies that will fly with-

YOU cite (Leader, August 6) the case of the young wom-an electing to abort one of her twins as an example of someone requiring help but living in a society where none is given. What you are saying is that someone should be able to

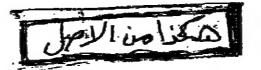
live a particular lifestyle at the taxpayers' expense. I disagree. If an unmarried woman already in strained circumstances, is feckless

enough to get herself pregnani again, I see no reason why I should pick up the tab. What has happened in this case is that the young woman has moved towards a position of

responsibility. If you are concerned about people being out on a limb, you could well think about en-

couraging a return to this traditional role of the family. Edward Thomas. Jevington Gardens. Eastbourne, E Sussex BN21.

what had happened to the for-est over the centuries. In the Middle Ages, the pressure was on with clearance for farming, fuel and building and one theory is that some woodland was burnt simply to clear out wolves and robbers. In the grass stopped the regenera-tion of trees, Exclosures to keep out deer and sheep have been built, but they are small compared with the area of regeneration that could take and intermediate wintergreen. I left the woodland in peace, wondering what the future would bring and if we



ence of 35.000 occupation troops and 80,000 Anatolian settlers, and the systematic destruction of the Cypriot cul-

Hydrodynamics.

ure of the international community to exert its infinance to solve the Cyprus crisis. It is unprofitable to accuse teachers, priests and others of inculcating hatred. To say that is to fail to appreciate the minority. Military and political de-Greek Cypriot disappointment at securing absolutely nothing in return for numerous and

cies prevailing during the era of the Ottoman Empire. bstantial concessions to the Haris Sophoclides.

from the Turkish side, as Greek Cypriot Brotherhood, noted by the UN Secretary-7 Hanover Square, Ceneral. only intensifies the London WIR SHE.

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tural inheritance, are other factors contributing to ten-sion. The indigenous Turkish

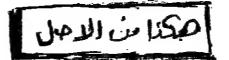
Cypriots are as unhappy as the Greek Cypriots. They have become second-class citizens in the occupied area where economic and political conditions are forcing fhem to emi-grate and they are now a

signs emanating from Ankara can be traced back to the poli-

The lack of political will President,

ESLIE Planmer (Deadly | climate of despair. The pres-August 13) misses at least one important point the frustra-

tion amongst Greek Cypriots who see their hopes for a settlement continuously deferred. During the 22 years since the Turkish invasion they have witnessed the fail-



Diary Matthew Norman

HE appearance at centre stage of Dame Jill Knight, cerebral MP for Edgbaston and one of those who voted against a handgun ban, has unearthed a modern miracle: Dame Jill is at least fouryears younger than her twin brother. He is 73, and she is 68 or 69 (she immatures all the time, and may well be 12 by the middle of next week). A newspaper cutting reveals that, as recently as 1980, both twins were born in 1923 - the date that appears in early editions of Who's Who. In later editions, however, Dame Jill arrived in 1927 So has Dame Jill discovered the secret of time travel, or is this evidence that the technique of twins being born years apart was not pioneered last year, as was thought, but in the 1920s? This may explain Dame Jill's uncanny insight into embryology. She recently crystallised the dangers of long-term freezing by saying that as a housewife, sh ell knows how difficult it

is to make a ple from "pastry left in a deep freeze for longer than six" months'. How comforting to know that such a thing as firearm legislation is entrusted to so profound a moral and political thinker

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SOLDIER has been found who does not share the military passion for acronyms. He is Major John Whitman, of the Army's Individual Training Organisation in Wiltshire. Major Whitman's title is Military Assistant/ Director General Individual Training.

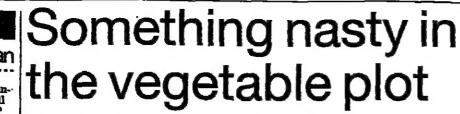
ROM south-east London comes the most exciting news to hit the keep fit industry since Jane Fonda discovered the burn. **Charles Bronson of HMP** Belmarsh, the man de-scribed as Britain's most violent prisoner, is working on a book called Solitary Fitness. Mr Bronson is extremely fit. He recently smashed the world record for sit-ups performed with a medicine ball (known to him as "best pal"). His next attempt will be for press-ops with a prison officer ait-ting on back.

ELEGRAPH enforcer Boris the Jackal Johnson is on versatile form, one day backing the Beatles in the Oasis debate, and the next using his. column to plug a series of his own interviews on Badio 4's The World Tonight. "Be

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blossomed in Britain, we have I our asthine farm legislation Commentary gained some hundreds of new varieties, and lost some thousands of old ones. The wierd and wonderful breeds our grandparents knew - Potato Onions, Pig's Shout Apples, George Monbiot ------

LANT breeders are dream merchants. Theirs is a trade in

impossible fantasy, transformed into scarcely more credible reality. This week we learnt that strawweek we learnt that straw-berries the size of pears have gone on sale in California. Within three or four years, ac-cording to New Scientist, well be able to grow them in Priceio Britain.

It's easy to believe, as you cruise the supermarket aisles, past sugar-anaps and baby sweetcorn, spaghetti plants and red brussels sprouts, that, thanks to the genius and persistance of the scientists who made them, the variety of fruit and vegetables has never

been greater. But nothing could be further from the truth. Since the second world war, while innovative plant breeding has

Hedgebog Pears — are now all but impossible to find. What we see in the supermarkets is, for some fruit and vegetable species, just about all there is. It's sad, you may think, but scarcely surprising. The mar-ket is maturing, and maturation means concentration and economy of scale. If vast num bers of people are to be ade-quately fed, then food produc-tion must take place on a vast tion must also plate on a vas-scale. Were there a mass mar-ket for Hedgehog Pears, then Hedgehog Pears would doubt-less be cramming Tesco's

helv So it's a shock to discover that most of what we have lost has not been marketed away but legislated away. Specialist trading in many of the old va-rieties is now illegal. We have

been cut off, by the harshest plant-breeding laws on earth, not only from our history and our beritage but also from what is surely the foundation

stone of self-determination the ability to grow your own

with good intentions. Plant breeders could spend decades developing a disease-resistant radiah or a new hard-milling wheat, only to see other trad ers multiplying it and selling it as their own. Sharpsters would pass off inferior seed as a brilliant new variety, and their hapless clients wouldn't know whether they had bought a beanstalk to the giant's kingdom or a shriv-elled stick, until the trader was over the horizon. But even as the first Plant

Varieties and Seeds Bill passed through Parliament in 1964, it became clear that the legislators' intentions had al-ready been suborned. Instead of protecting both buyers and sellers of seed, the bill concenfertiliser. trated only on the interests of some of the sellers. As more

and more of the trade has subsequently been swallowed up by a few vast petrochemical and food-processing compa-nies, the noose has tightened every time the law has been revised. The Act demanded that

register, or National List, of ant varieties be compil Anyone marketing a breed not included on the list can be food, on your own terms. The prosecuted, even if that mar ture's rigid interpretation of trouble began, like so much of keting meant swapping a international protocols means

handful of seeds for a box of eggs. To get on to the National List, a plant variety must pass a series of rigorous tests. It must be deemed distinct from all other varieties. It must produce a uniform and truebreeding crop, and, for some species, it must be of commer-cial value. If it qualifies, the person seeking to register it must pay a fee — generally around £2,000, plus £350 for every year it stays on the list. At a stroke, thousands of varieties were ruled outside the law. Many were distinct, but were not recognized as such by the inspectors. Others had been bred not to be uni form, but to produce a crop which didn't need to be har vested all at once. Seeds leemed to be of little commer

cial value to farmers were of great non-commercial value to gardeners. The fees ren-dered specialist seeds inviable, and put many of the smaller breeders out of business. The loss of old varieties threatens not only to obliter the set of ity, we are losing the crops which flourish without great doses of pesticide and

FEW have been kept alive, but only by bending the rules. The Henry Double day Research Association has saved some 700 breeds, giving away the seeds of de-listed va-rieties to its members in return for an annual fee. Being forced to buy new varieties when you'd prefer to buy old ones would be bad anough But the Ministry of Agricul

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that buying a new breed is be-ginning to look like a Faust-ian pact. This year, new legis-lation entitled plant breeders to claim royalties from people growing seed for their own use. If, in other words, you let wour lettures run to seed, and your lettuces run to seed, and save that seed to plant next doing so well year, the company you bought the packet from can demand to be paid. As big corporations engulf

smaller corporations, and take control not only of seed production, but also of pesti-cide and fertiliser manufac-**Tony Higgins** ture, food processing and the wholesale trade, there's a dan-ger that farmers could soon be believes the reduced to little more than improved results contractors, forced to return their harvest at a pre-set price to the company from which they bought their seed. Al-ready, as the agricultural out today are cause for celebration economist Tracey Clunies-Ross has documented, the and not carping Scottish seed-potato industry has been taken over by four or five big companies, which are forcing all other breeders to sell their produce to then for £140 a tonne, then passing it on to English farmers for tions and passed them well. This year we see a further improvement in the grades more than twice that amount It looks like a cartel, it works

achieved and that achievement will doubtless be met by like a cartel but, according to that standards are falling. Those who suggest this would be the same people, who if the results were worse the Scottish Office, it is exempt from monopoly referral. For all its rhetoric of choice and free trade. the Govern ment has no desire to prote than in previous years, would either the grower or the constart to question what is going sumer from the burgeoning

rapacity of the corporations. As we wander dreaming down the supermarkets' fantasy galleries, across the farms and gardens of Britain the search-light of big business seeks out the last tangled corners of self-reliance and autonomy We are left as helpless and deent as a rabbit in its

wrong in Britain's schools and why do we lag so far behind others. They cannot have it both ways. Why is it that performance is rising so spectacularly." Surely a generation cannot become that touch more intelligent so quickly? The answer may lie in some very detailed research carried out by the government of Singapore, which is a country very fastidious about educational standards. The same phenomenon of improved grades was

being noted in that country achieved by students who sit English A levels. The results of the research showed that students adopted better examination techniques, their families were able to buy them additional aids such as videos, books, computer programs and tapes: there are better teaching techniques and facilities and students are more strongly motivated so as to be able to get to university

or college. So it is in Britain. I was ascinated to receive only the other day a series of audio tapes entitled How Your Exams Are Marked, which featured a number of chief examiners. Armed with that information students can approach the examination game nuch better informed.

This year has seen the first major increase in the number of examinees who have done their A levels on a modular basis, ie they have been examined at various stages of the two-year syllabus and their essment achieved throughout the course has been perfection and examiners counted towards the final grade. It must be easier, comes the cry, for people to sit So let us take comfort from the exam at the end of the first the quality shown by our term and then forget it to go younger generation and ex-on to the next stage. Not so. First we are examining stu-dents at full A level standard dents down and therefore even though they may not have reached the full intellectual maturity that they will reach at the end of the two-year course, and arguably, therefore, those examinations are relatively more hard for them. Second, in many sylla-

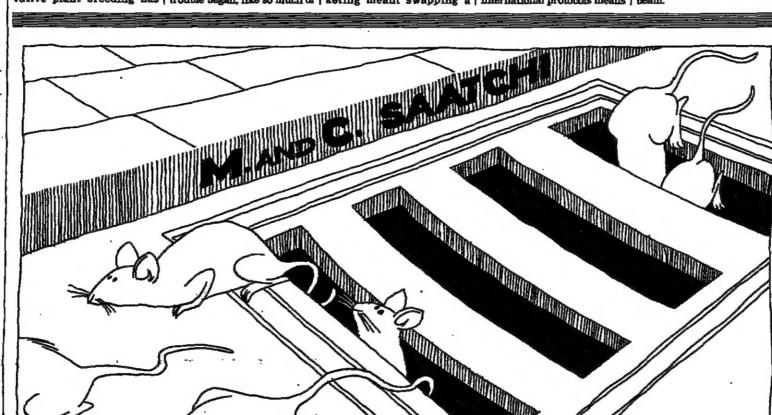
buses it is not a question of forgetting what has recently been taught and examined been since since the syllabus naturally continues from the earlier nodule.

There is nothing new in modularity. All those com-mentators and others who have been to university them-selves will, in the main, have done a subsidiary or supple mentary subject in their single honours course which ODAY is a day of cele-bration. Let us congrat-ulate all those who have was doubtless examined at the end of the first year or possied their A level examinably at the end of the second and which was then put aside. But it counted towards the final degree assessment. These are also the first A level exams taken by candidates who have followed the full new national curriculum in English, maths and the sciences. Isn't it time to give the Government credit for one

of its educational reforms? And then there is the com-plaint that the questions are getting paster. When will people learn that it is not the uestions that are important but the answers? If you are asked the question, "Are Brit-aun's sporting achievements at international events such as the Olympic Gaines a dis grace?" you might well answer "yes" and be correct, but you get no marks for the

ND who, frankly, is prepared to agree that the best way to test an A level student's ability is to sit him or her, in a doubtless stressed condition, in an examination hall regularly over a period of a few weeks, then to answer questions in two or three hours when the basic skills to be shown are ones of memory and ability to write quickly and legibly. Those syllabuses which allow for course-work mean that if you are posed a question such as What were the reasons for the collapse of the Soviet empire?" you would have books, newspapers, films and individuals at your disposal so that there would be no excuse for your not being able to produce a full and complete

answer. The standards there fore would be highly exacting. Your approach would also doubtless be one which would be reflected in the way in which you would be working in the future. If asked the same question, which needed to be finished in a 45-minute essay answer, surely you could only approximate to would of course need to make allowances for that. So let us take comfort from adequately fund the universi-ties and colleges where they have deservedly won their places.



M62 flyover", as the jingle might put it. It is not long since the Jackal used that same column to ask the voters of Clwyd South for their votes ... a declaration of his candidacy that means, under electoral convention that his rivals must all have equal media exposure. I look forward to the sitting Labour MP, the LibDem, and possibly the Diary itself (no decision has yet been taken on whether to stand in Clwyd South) being invited to join in questioning the likes of Lord Howe.

there, or be under the new

N second thoughts, We will place this matter in the hands of Nick Hawkins, Tory MP for Blackpool South but now cluck-cluck-clucking along to safe Surrey in time for the election. Mr Hawkins has sent Labour's Susan Jones a letter — dated November 13 1996 (he must be a member of Dame Jill's time-travel club) — threatening to report her to the Privileges Committee for having the words "parlia-mentary spokesperson for Surrey Heath" on her letterhead. This formula

lead. This formula (adopted by Walworth Road instead of Prospective Parliamentary Candidate) is a declaration of candidacy. so he claims. If he gets his knickers in such a twist about that, God knows what he'll do to the Jackal.

N New Zealand, a High Court judge has attacked falling standards. "What is the world coming to, asked Mr Justice Morris, when a gang of thieves turn up at a place they are going to rob in a taxi? One reason you were appre-hended is that you had no getaway car . . . I do not know what the state of the country is coming to." Both defendants, tilegal immi-grants from Fiji, got five years for the raid on a jewel lers. Let us hope they get the usual tuition inside, and come out much improved in their field.





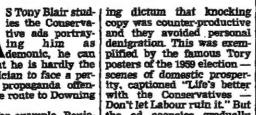
Attack, attack, attack

Martin Rosenbaum puts the 'demon' Blair in the context of political warfare while below. Julian Critchley says please stop frightening the kiddles

tive ads portray-ing him as demonic, he can reflect that he is hardly the first politician to face a per-sonalised propaganda offen-sive on the ronte to Downing Stread Street. When, for example, Benjathe ad agencies gradually

min Disraeli fought Shrews-bury in the 1841 election, he discovered that an opponent had placarded the town with detailed estimates of his ex-tensive personal debts. Dis-raeli nevertheless won, without the help of any Labour-type "rebuttal unit", but possibly with the aid of some

Newspaper advertising first played an important national role in British politics in the 1950s. As the pro-fessional admen started to get involved, they initially stuck to the classic advertis-



realised that politics operates by different rules. In the late 1960s political strategists de-cided more and more to accentuate the negative, and the tone of party advertise-ments and broadcasts be-came gradually more aggres-The first really sive. dramatic attack ad was

dramatic attack ad was launched by Labour in the run up to the 1970 election. It featured lurid Plasticine models of six leading Tories (Heath, Maudling, Macleod, Douglas-Home, Hogg and Powell), along with brief derogatory biographies of each.

The ad was headlined "Yes-terday's Men (They failed be-fore!)". This prompted the same widespread condemna-tion of "gutter politics" that "Labour's Policy on Arms" (a "Labour's policy on "Labour's Policy on Arms" (a picture of a soldier with arms the Tory "demon Blair" ad has provoked. Labour leaders up to surrender), 1967; and "Labour's Tax Bombshell", were unnerved by the angry reaction, and the campaign 1992.

Labour may have felt it got its fingers burnt, but the else in common too - they criticised policy not personalities. This was not because Saatchi always wanted to avoid personal attacks. In 1988, when Michael Foot was Tories unleashed some equally hard-hitting on-slaughts in party political broadcasts in the next cam-Labour leader, it designed an paign in February 1974. One starred an unpleasant puppet ad to emphasise's Foot's age of Harold Wilson, spewing and apparent infirmity. A forth money for the miners, nationalisation and food picture of Foot using his walking stick, which showed subsidies. The dominance of negativhim at his most doddering, was captioned "Under the

thy in political advertising was reinforced by the impact of the work Sastchi and Sast-was vetoed by Margaret Thatcher, who was already confident of overwhelming chi did for the Conservatives after becoming the party's ad agency in 1978. The Saatchi philosophy was "attack, attack, attack", despite the fact that politicians often wanted more positive ads boasting of government achievements victory. N 1992 another Saatchi

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idea was a poster con-sisting simply of a pic-ture of Neil Kinnock and the slogan "Vote Conservative", but this also achievements. The agency's most effective failed to get beyond the draw-ing board. This time, howads in the four elections from 1979 to 1992 were characterised by their simple, blunt aggression: "Labour Isn't Brian Mawhinney appears to

Tory campaign from Mau-rice's new agency, M and C Sastchi. This may well indicate desperation, not least because the Tory tabloids will probably not run the sort of vicious anti-Blair propa-ganda they deployed effec-tively against Foot and Kin-nock. So the Conservatives But they all had something have to do it themselves. And despite Labour's complaints, it too has indulged in

pugnacious personal attacks when thought advantageous. A 1987 party-political broad-cast featured a series of unflattering caricatures of Thatcher, cut to the sound of "A regular royal Queen" from The Gondoliers. And another broadcast last year accused John Major of telling "pork pies". As Maurice Saatchi once

said, "Political campaigning is a world of trial by combat, in which you would hit and be hit." Always has been, always will be.

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short of experience. John Wakeham, Geoffrey Howe and Ian Gilmour: it is their brains we should be picking. What then should Conser-(very clearly more). The (very clearly more). The voter votes with his pocket. vative Central Office do to In the meantime, Central Office should put the "magiersuade the voter to return to the fold? Most important of all there should be no gimmicks; the answer to cians" and spin-doctors out to grass. Give Heseltine, and other ministers like Dorrell. Portillo and Howard their head. a halfway decent bud-get from Ken Clarke, and a fifth election victory is not beyond our grass. There are Blair is to let him twist in the wind, for we have nine months before we must go to the country. The voter may soon tire of his schoolboy charm and winning beyond our grasp. There are signs of light. All the more The best slogans of the past like "Don't Let Labour Rain H" have placed as reason to stop frightening the kiddles with red-eyed monsters.

"Stay hold of Nurse for much emphasis on the positive as upon the negative. It fear of finding something Worse", is a better slogan than anything we have recently had from the clever

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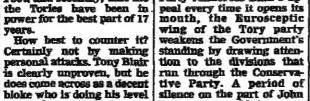
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Don't let go of Nurse

S Conservative Central at a sourt" is a slogan of turn politics into light entertainment. I a law unto itself, the two points at once. First, the two points at once. First, attempt to demonise Tony Foot; and secondly, that the left of the Labour Blair, has achieved nowt the Tories have been in save to embarrass every power for the best part of 17 mouth, the Eurosceptic senior Tory to whom I have spoken. Blair has more in common with Red Riding Hood than with the wicked

Ever since the Labour party's spin doctors came up with the slogan "New Labour", the Tory party's its senses. In this task he is Labour", the loty part of witch doctors have been left floundering in a canldron of their own making. First it however, does suffer from a their own making. First it was "New Labour Old Dantouch of the Chiff Richards

Office? Why do we have to is never enough to attack rely upon smart Alecs your opponents for what brought in from the world they might do in office; it is



does come across as a decent bloke who is doing his level best to bring Old Labour to silence on the part of John Redwood would be very welcome. But what of Central

10 OBITUARIES

The Rev Christopher Gray

Sense of mission

HRISTOPHER been killed at the age of 33, was an Anglican priest who carried depths of intellect and compassion so gently be neath an almost diffident, seeming disregard of the quality of his gifts, that many who met him may not have realised how exceptional he was The rather serious look, quiet voice and mild humour took a

while to break through. Educated at Winchester and University College, Oxford, Christopher's primary aca-demic formation was the traditional one of the classicist He attained a First in "Mods" and then two years later, in 1986, a congratulated First in Greats — something very rare indeed. He also won almost every prize it was possible to He stayed on at Oxford win. He stayed on at Oxform Resurrection, Muritield, from for a further two years to take a B Phil with a brilliant thesis a B Phil with a brilliant thesis on Aristotle's conception of substance, in which he dem-

Buland Al Haidary

land Al Haidary, who has died in London

aged 69, was one of a

group of poets who led the most far-reaching renewal in

the whole history of Arabic

poetry. Attempts to break

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away from rigid rhyme and

several times over the centu-

ries, but wide-ranging change did not come until the 1940s. It

was heralded by a Yemeni

poet living in Cairo and

closely followed by several others, including the members

of an influential Iraqi group among whom was Buland Al

Haidary. In his collection Mud

Tremors (Khafqu Ttien), writ-ten in 1948 and published in

1951, Buland emphasised the

organic unity of a whole poem rather than "a unit of one line

He and the other pioneers also wrote poetry to be read.

rather than recited, and

rejected the fixed themes of classical Arabic poetry, argu-

ing that all life's experiences

were worthy of a poet's atten-tion and inspiration. Euro-

structure have occurred

onstrated both exceptional lin- taining, predictably, yet an- have followed — into Greek guistic skills and the ability to other First. patristics — he was in fact Gray, who has guistic skills and the ability to link ancient philosophy with modern concerns.

Paris.

know him as quite the most brilliant student I have had By that time, Christopher the pleasure of teaching — and all the more pleasurable because, despite his polite-ness, he clearly made no conhad decided to become a the pleasure of teaching priest, but he spent most of the next year working with the mentally handicapped at cessions even to lack of omni-Jean Vannier's L'Arche in science on the part of his professor. He transformed my At a time when Anglo

Catholicism is in some consid-erable disarray, it was all the seminars on the first two questions of the Summa Theomore significant that Christo ogica of Aquinas by turning them almost into a dialogue, pher's Anglicanism should be of a firmly Anglo-Catholic ensuring that I could never type. He combined a confident intellectual traditionalism, get away with less than com-plete clarity of exposition. Like the outstanding Oxford classicist that he was, Christopretty impervious to the im-mediate winds of fashion, with a burning concern to pher was not only a superb linguist, with a mastery of nuserve contemporary humanity merous languages ancient and modern, but he also excelled in

at its needlest. He studied for the priest hood at the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield, from both philosophy and history. While his dissertation at Leeds, a study of Gregory of Nyssa's work On the Creation of Man, may indicate the line his academic career would

It was here that I came to determined not to settle down

into the comfort of academe. I remember one evening when he was dining at home with us, thinking to myself: "Perhaps he will be the next Archbishop of Canterbury but-three." Yet it was abso lutely characteristic of Chris topher that, once ordained, he should seek a tough inner-city parish and insist on remain ing there. In Liverpool, he had just that. Yet he saw his minis try as by no means a matter of duplicating that of a social worker. For him, it was the work of a priest, offering a meaning in life at a personal level, rather than a palliative for society.

Perhaps his image of the priesthood was almost too is a huge one, his potentiality still apparently almost en-tirely unrealised. Doubfless he had further to mature, to relax medieval to exist in our time, medieval in the absoluteness of self-surrander he called for. Priests, he insisted, in a recently published essay, must "be like Christ in the a little more, to relate the confidence of his personal cartainties to the larger confu-

Gray . . . "a burning concern to serve humanity"

faithful service of their flocks; | sion of the world around him. even to the point of sacrificing but it was already clear that their own lives". In the intenthe religious life of his time might be very considerable. mt it As it is, that mark will remain the memory of a

Christian priesthood with as tonishing completeness.

August 13, 1996

sity of such a commitm ms hardly surprising that he remained unmarried. Christopher died just out side his Liverpool parish church. The loss for the church and for British society young scholar-martyr who ful-filled his own idea of the

Adrian Hestings

The Rev Christopher John Gray born January 2, 1964: died

by the political process. Having chaired a large number of companies and organisations. he was not used to persuad-ing others to his point of view. It was not arrogance on his part, rather bewilderment at the failure of various European institutions to get things done.

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In many ways, he was more suited to be a Commissioner than an elected politician. But his experiences as a busi-ness consultant and his wide knowledge in international affairs were soon recognised among his fellow members. He was elected industrial Adviser to the European Demo-cratic Group, consisting of British and Danish conservatives. Nicolson found discussion

on the future of Europe in this country was marred by distrust and lack of any real appreciation of the role of business in pan-European mairs

He became a tireless promoter of a European customs union and a persuasive advocate for the EEC, turning Euro-sceptic chief executives into enthusiastic supporters of European community al-most single-handedly. He was also prominent in convincing the US of the benefits of a closer European Union and closer European integration. Through Nicolson's contacts, both in Europe and in the US the AECA was able to recruit leading businessmen to par-ticipate in the burgeoning dialogue

ICOLSON could best be described as a lib-ertarian Conserva-tive with a social

Postwar navy cutbacks meant Nicolson left the ser-vice for a succession of jobs in industry. Initially working for Vickers, then for his father's former company, he joined Production Engineershared by some of his fellow countrymen. He possessed a great sense of history and had ing in 1953 where he remained for 15 years, becoming chairman in 1963. Working as a management consultant in the mid-1960s, his

1969-1984 Despite his reputation when he was appointed chair-man of the newly-formed month British Airways in 1971, few doubted that uniting British

He leaves a wife, Beryl, European Airways and Britwho he married in 1992 after leath of his first wi WEVE be a difficult task. He left the three children. post in 1975 with a knight-hood for his role in the suc-Lord Plumb cessful marger of the two air-lines. David Lancaster Nicolson, busi-Elected to the European nessman and politician, born Parliament in 1979, he ar-September 20, 1922; died July 19, 1996

HE KURDISH poet Bu- | ish-speaking army officer | his anger at the repression in from the very heart of the Iraqi establishment. His uncle, Daoud Pasha Al Haidary, was Minister of Justice before the overthrow of the monarchy in 1958. Buland started his artistic life as a leftist and wrote poetry in Kurdish, not Arabic. He was equally interested in painting. In 1963, he was arrested by the Baathists and condemned to death. A pardon, he said, was granted "five minutes before he was due to he left Baghdad for Beirut, severed his links with the left,

creasing recognition.

freelance writer.

and worked as a teacher of Arabic and a freelance writer. He continued to write poetry, having switched to Arabic po-etry after the initial youthful Kurdish phase, and won in-

The civil war of the 1970s forced him to leave Beirut. He heart attacks. He was also diabetic. But perhaps the real returned to Iraq, but felt out of reason for his death was the tragic state of his beloved Iraq. While his contribution to place there and moved to Lon-don in 1982, where he worked as editor-in-chief of Funun the Iraqi opposition will be sorely missed, his place in history is secure - not as a Arabiya (Arabic Arts) and as a

His latest collection of poetry appeared in London several weeks before his death, under

Poetry of renewal

Iraq. He was founder member and vice-president of the Union of Iraqi Democrats (UID) in the UK, working with other groups opposing Sad-dam Hussein's rule. He opposed the war against Iran, the occupation of Ku-

wait, the aggression against the Kurds, and he called for the establishment of a demo cratic, pluralistic society in a united Iraq. His last campaign was for the inauguration of a Charter for Arab Intellectuals, which condemned restrictions on artistic freedom and provided a framework for the protection of human rights in the Arab countries. In 1958, he married Dalal Al

Mufti. They had one son, Omar, who now lives in Canada. Buland, who was a heavy moker, suffered a series

political activist, but as a pioneering poet who helped revo-lutionise Arabic poetry while Sir David Nicolson

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Leading in Europe

Since the conservation of the soon became a member of the Economic and Monetary Committee, but he soon became and one of the Conservation functional and repeated vative Party's strongest advoates of this country's membership of the European Union: As a member of the European parliament (1979-14), he was a founder member of the America-European Community Association (AECA), and through it sought to strengthen ties between Surope and America.

Nicolson's views were marked by his wartime expe-riences. He felt that integrating the European nations more closely into a commu-

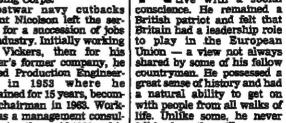
nity based on common interwas the only way to prevent future war. As a businessman, he be-lisved that commerce was a at leveller and that the

pursuit of economic growth ensured stability. Prosperity would, he fait, ultimately become a real force for peace in the world. This was the belief behind

the founding in 1990 of AECA. following talks with the thenpresident of the European Commission, Roy Jenkins, and fallow members of the European Parliament. Nicolson was the son of Canadian engineer who had settled in London. After

following his father by taking an engineering degree at Imperial College, Nicolson joined the Navy. Initially serving as a damage control officer on six Russian convoys, he was Beach Master on D-Day for the American land-ing at Omaha Beach. During other landings, he was wounded three times and mentioned in dispatches. It

was in Normandy that he met his future wife, Joan, then an officer in Quesn Alexandra's Nursing Corps.



a natural ability to get on with people from all walks of life. Unlike some, he never fell back on that silly reserve reputation in the business world was made during his called pomposity. Nicolson worked until the chairmanship of BTR from

very end. As the interna-tional chairman of AECA, he led a delegation of US and European legislators and business leaders to Spain last

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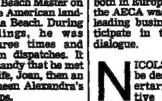
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TALBOT, Elimetastin, actress, died huly attar a long fight against can August 10th Greetly loved and deay missed by len, Joe and Mary. Fun take place at Christchurch, Estar on Wednesday 21st August at 1 enquintes to 9771-936-5755 or 5584

In Memoriam

DiverCEL John clied 15 August 1991. The blessing of your life is still with us. Camilia, Cosima and Sophie.

Death Notices



pean (mainly English) poetry influenced these poets, who weathered a wave of virulent invective and accusations of the title Passages to Exile "corrupting poetry", and even of "intellectual treason", to se-he oscillates between pessicure a distinguished position in Arabic literature.

Buland Al Haidary came from an aristocratic Kurdish pression he had sought all his family. His father was a Kurd- life; but that only increased

never turning his back on his own Kurdish roots. mism and optimism. In London, Buland Al Hai-dary found the freedom of ex-Khalid Al Mubarak

Buland Al Haldary, poet, born September 26, 1926; died August Septem 6, 1996



Buland Al Haidary . . . condemned to death and pardoned

The film director Joe May the role of the charming, saw her in the role in Stras-bourg in 1931 and immediately offered her the ingenue role in his comedy Zwei in einem his comedy Zwei in einem

he recognised that crude that propaganda would be ineffec-tive, instead encouraging the production of entertaining, affirmative comedies and pop-ular costume dramas. Schneider usually played

career came two years later when she played the naive suburban girl Christine in Max Ophilis's film of Arthur

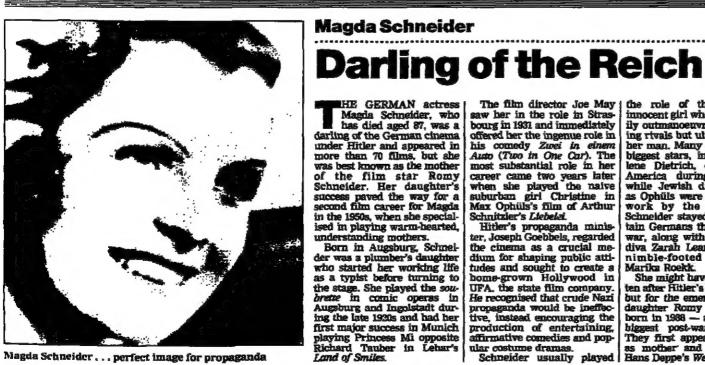
from his girlfriend Martha,

her man, Many of Germany's biggest stars, including Mar-lene Dietrich, emigrated to America during the 1930s, while Jewish directors such as Ophüls were forced out of work by the Nazis. But Schudier stavad on to anter

Schneider stayed on to enter-tain Germans throughout the

war, along with the Swedish diva Zarah Leander and the nimble-footed Hungarian

Marika Rockk. She might have been forgot-ten after Hitler's defeat in 1945 but for the emergence of her



Magda Schneider ... perfect image for propaganda

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Friend in need

MANY prisoners who have been raped by fellow inmates or who have been threatened with rape decide to become "hooked up" with another prisoner. However distasteful the idea may seem, they believe it to be the least damaging way to survive in custody in most arrangements, the Junior partner — in prison slang, the "catcher" or "punk" — gives up his independance and his control over his body "jocker", "man", "pitcher" or "daddy" — in exchange for protection from violence and sexual assaults from other prisoners. This arrangement

lent gang rapes. If you want to be able to choose your daddy. tell the other prisoners that you want to hook up. The word will get around fast, and guys will start to talk to you about it. This has to be done quickly, otherwise events will overin New York City. whelm you and you may get gang raped and/or forced to Snail mail hook up before you can make a choice. Spend as much time as possible with the jockers who want to hook up with you and judge for yourself how sincere they are as once you make your decision you are pretty his grandmother. much stuck with it. Ask jockers how they treat their women, because most jockers treat their punks the same way. If they form real partner-ships with their women, they are most likely to do the same

is preferable to a series of vio-

stroking your body or hair, it is a good indication that he

words were: "I guess you think I'm quite a little while in with you. Jockers may well in-sist on having sex with you writing." 50 Love letter from a woman before putting a claim on you. in Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria, mailed on the 19 April 1946 to a This is not an unreasonable demand, since sex is an important part of the deal. You can tell a lot about a jock by how he lawyer in a village 25 miles away, inviting him to a dance. It was eventually opened by behaves with you sexually. If he shows affection, such as

clerks. 44 Letter to retired Chicago steelworker Tommy Klyczec

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wants to treat you like a

human being. Extract from "Hooking Up: saying she loved him. "I thought she didn't want to Protective Paring for Protective Paring for Paniss", a pamphiet for prison-ers, written by Stephen Donald-son, president of Stop Prisoner Rape, an advocacy group based marry me," he said. By the time he got the letter he was on his second marriage. 30 Letter from Emily Smith in Oxford to her mother, Mary Warner, on holiday near Salisbury. It was returned to the sender in 1994 with a demand for 34p extra postage. 82 LETTER asking for a pea-27 Letter to Kathleen Hopper of Sherburn Farm, Durham. nut butter recipe arrived at postmarked 11 August 1964, acknowledging a charity do-nation. It arrived, inexplica-Gordon Harrington's house in Michigan. It was addressed to bly, at Frankland prison, Darham, on 2 December 1991. After some detective work by 76 Letter from a woman in Bowling Green, Kentucky, to her sister-in-law, Mary Turnbow, in nearby Hazel. Both a prison officer, it was sucdied before the September cessfully delivered to the 1919 letter reached Mary's addressee the following day For those annoyed at the small postal delays caused by the granddaughter. The first Royal Mail strike, the Fortean Times will make you think twice before you grumble. The number beside each entry de-notes the number of years that the post was delayed.

Quit sex

AMERICANS are remark-ably tone deaf when it comes

refrain of an old Fugs song: "Why do ya like boobs a lot ~ ya gotta like boobs a lot." The jiggle of tits and ass, penis and pectorals assaults us everywhere — billboards, magazines, television, movies. Orgasm becomes just another goal; we undress for success. It's no wonder that in all this powerful noise the quiet tones of celibacy are lost. But celihate people have told me that celihacy prac-tised rightly does indeed have something valuable to say to the rest of us. Specifically, they have helped me better appreciate both the nature of friendship and what it means to be married. Like many people who came into adult-hood during the sexually permissive 1960s, I've tended to equate sublimation with repression. But my celibate friends have made me see the light; accepting sublimation as a normal part of adulthood makes me more realistic

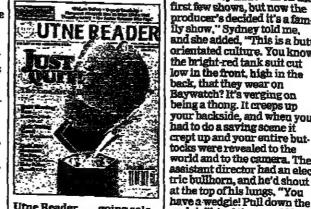
about human sexual capacities and expression. It helps me better respect the bonds

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to the expression of sexuality. The sexual formation that many of us receive is like the

Denis Staunton

together (thus rendering them pleasurable), savourin the holy simplicity of a shared meal or a walk together at dusk - that help



Utne Reader . . . going solo wedgie!" And then you'd have

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champion, 32; Oscar Peter-son, jazz pianist, 70; Sir Oli-ver Popplewell, High Court judge and Hillsborough in-quirer, 68; Nicholas Roeg, film director, 67; Gertrude Shope, president ANC Women's League, 70; Rizza-beth Smith, controller English Services, BBC World Service, 59; William Walde-grave MP, Chief Secretary to Magda Schneider, actress, bom May 17, 1909; died July 30, 1996 ETo piece your announcement telephone 0171 713 4567. Fax 0171 713 4129. grave MP, Chief Secretary to marriage survive the rough spots. When you can't make love physically, you figure to fix it." "What about Pameto fix it." "What about Pame-la Anderson's bathing suit?" I asked her. "She has that made for her." Sydney said. "Like all the suits on the show, you can see right through it when it's wet." Sydney also told me about out other ways to do it Kathleen Norris describes the

Bottom cult

Some of the stuff she sees on the beach in real life: "Teeny-weeny bikinis you can see through, made of some kind Phillips, who played a life-guard in Baywatch off and on for three seasons. I asked if they ever wore thongs on the of lacy fabric. You may as well be nude on the beach. show. "They had them on the first few shows, but now the producer's decided it's a fam-

Jackaaw wants jewess. E-muss jackdaw@guardian.co.uk; fax 0171-713 4366; Jackdaw, The Guardian, 119 Farringdon Road, London ECIR 3ER. world and to the camera. The assistant director had an elec-

Emily Sheffield

and boundaries of marriage. Any marriage has times of seperation, ill health, or just plain crankiness, in which sexual intercourse is ill-advised. And it is precisely the skills of cellbate friendship -fostering intimacy through letters, conservation, per-forming mundane tasks

Flieder wieder blueht (When the White Lilac Blooms Again)

But Romy's greatest succes was as the Austrian Empress

Elisabeth in Brnst Marisch-

Elisabeth in Ernst Marisch-ka's three Sissi films between 1955 and 1957. Magda played Sissi's mother, the Duchess Ludovika of Bavaria, as a kind, sympathetic parent who never tired of comforting the troubled empress. Unrivalled in their sentimentality, the Sissi films remain a staple of douting talegican achadulas

daytime television schedules and occupy an exalted place in

German gay iconography. Romy, who was known as much for her unhappy love affairs as for her film work, died in Paris in 1982.

Magda appeared in numer-ous television films during the

1960s but retired 25 years ago to the Bavarian lake Königs-

where she died in her sleep.

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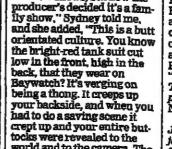
mural painter and sculptor, 97; Lukas Foss, composer, 73; Dame Wendy Hiller, actress, 83; Rita Hunter, soprano, 62; Joan Jefferson, educational-ist, president, Girls' Schools Association, 49; Hugh Law-son, director-general, King George's Fund for Sailors, 64; Jack Lynch, former prime minister, Sire, 78; Ken.

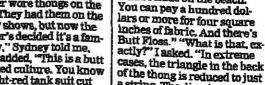
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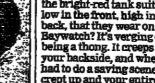
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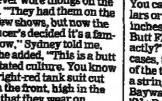


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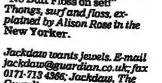


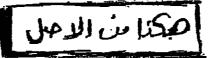






cases, the triangle in the back of the thong is reduced to just a string. The directors on Baywatch would always say, "No Butt Floss on set"





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Richard Thomas

FRESH campaign to

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Notebook

City damps rate cut hope

Richard Thoma S Correst



a sharper-than-expected fall in unemployment and fresh evidence of Bank of England resistance to an easing of

With fears growing that a rapidly-shrinking dole queue will provoke an inflationary pick-up in wages, forecasts of cheaper money - kindled earlier in the week by sub-mists said.

Further indications of friction over monetary policy be-tween the Chancellor, Kentween the Charke, and the Governor of the Bank of Eng-land, Eddie George, came in the minutes of the July 3 the Bundesbank yesterday in an attempt to ease the pressure on beleaguered manufacturers. meeting between the two Otmar Issing, the Buba's normally hawkish chief economist, said a strong D-

Mr George reiterated his oppositon to the June quarmark did "not fit into the ter-point cut in base rates to 5.75 per cent and strongly adcurrent landscape' vised against any further In a newspaper inter-

easing. Julian Jessop, UK econovlew, he said exporters were being hit by the over-valuation of the German

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said the markets had been changed wrong-footed by the 24,100 he said. June fall in the unemploy- Mr Jes sentiment on rates," Mr Jessop said that unless Mr Clarke resists the tempta-tion to cut taxes in his Noment total, against expecta-tions of a 10,000 drop.

An upwards revision to the May annual earnings figures, wember budget, the "window of opportunity" for rate cuts would close. "If he cuts now, it could from 3.5 per cent to 3.75 per cent, also ratiled dealers. "The combination of the labour market data — includ-

hadly backfire in the markets. There would be a real danger of a loss of credibility. The ing the signs of wages ticking of a loss of credibility. The immediately after the release, wards revision to average up - and the minutes have picture in monetary policy although the pound still earnings growth and signs of

Bundesbank aims to weaken mark

franc.

the young economic recovery — led by firms selling goods overseas —

"It is not yet robust

was not well established.

enough that you can say with certainty that it will

continue," he said. Market-watchers said the

interview had prompted speculation the Bundes-bank might trim German

interest rates when the cen-

tral conncil meets next

Analysis said an easing of

German monetary policy would offer a helping hand to French authorities anx-

less data as widening the odds on an autumn easing of mone-Gilt futures were down by half a point by the close. Sterling lost some ground

price figures, the debt and money markets read the job-

currency and warned that | ious about a softening | Gorman mark

Don Smith, economist at

HSBC James Capel, said;

"Issing's comments are a

tentative sign that the

Bundeshank is sensitive to the weakness of the French

currency." Mr Smith said the Ger-

man currency had not reacted to the interview,

remaining virtually un-

changed against the yen and US dollar. But the

franc did perk up, ap-

proaching a monthly high of DM3.42 against the Ger-

man currency in late trading.

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now is likely to one of broad stability." against a stagnant German Ahead of today's retail currency at 2.3037. only a slow deceleration in unit wage costs are all grist to the mill for inflation bears," he said

Andrew Milligan, economic adviser at General Accident In the July monetary policy meeting. Mr George pointed to the strength of the money Investment Management said yesterday's data would strengthen the Bank's case against rate cuts. supply and growing conumer spending as a warning sign of future inflation. "A stronger-than-expected

"Last month's interest rate cut would, in itself, have in-creased the risk to the inflation target," the governor mid.

Although Mr George said that an immediate reversal of the cut would "send confus-ing signals to the financial markets and wider economy" last week's inflation Report from the the Bank called on the Chancellor to tighten pol-icy sooner rather than later. But the minutes show that Mr Clarke was relaxed about the prospects for inflation. "If growth did accelerate to the point where the inflation target was being put at risk, there would be sufficient time day's publication of the min-utes of the July meeting be-

tween the Chancellor. Kenneth Clarke, and the Govwas to allow the economy to grow as fast as possible con-sistent with the inflation tarernor of the Bank of England, Eddie George, will have caused few surprises. The

gathering strength, but not



Germany is the place of interest

when they meet next. European rates could have edged down another notch by then. The Bundesbank council is due to meet later this month, Prior to its summer break the German central bank appeared to have been hinting that it was prepared to cut German borrowing costs, but in the event it failed to deliver. Now, in its chief econo-mist, Otmar Issing, it again appears to be encouraging fi-nancial markets to believe it

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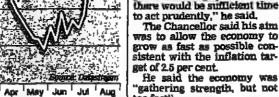
is considering a cut. Mr Issing told the Interna-tional Herald Tribune that German economic recovery was not assured and that the strength of the mark "does not fit into the current economic landscape

"HAT is being interpret as a sign that the Bundesbank still has the possibility of a rate cut on its mind, and in the short term at least it had the desired effect of knocking the mark back against the dollar.

Few will view events in governor, no doubt with ex-Frankfurt more keenly that quisite politeness, indicated that the previous month's cut the French government and the Bank of France. The franc has been under pressure of late. French newspapers have been suggesting that the govin interest rates to 5.75 per cent had increased the risks that the Government would not be able to meet its inflaernment is attempting to tion target. Indeed he warned it might well have brought push the French central bank into cutting rates, though the prime minister, Alain Juppe, dismisses the affair as a forward the time when rates Certainly Mr George was firm against any further cut in rates, though he did accept storm in a teacup. More pertinently, perhaps, there is increasing concern that the French will not be able to that there was no fresh evidence to force the Chancellor meet the Maastricht criteria to reverse the June reduction for monetary union by the end of 1997.

and sensibly acknowledged Whatevar the truth, both the Bank of France and the that such a volte-face would, in any case, send unfortunate signals to financial markets. For his part, the Chancellor administration will breathe a sigh of relief if the Bundes himself appeared slightly inbank does cut rates — allowsouciant in his July discus-sions with the Governor. If ining Paris to follow suit with-out appearing to undermine its commitment to the policy flationary pressures did start to appear in the economy there would be sufficient time of the franc fort. For many in France, monetary machismo to act prudently. That might is one thing; an unemploysound rather like Sir Francis Drake's observation on that ment rate of 12 per cent an-other. In Germany, where unemployment has topped the

Mark Milner ------NTEREST rates are very much on the minds of the monetary authorities in Britain, Germany and France. The perception is that the first two are in a position to consider a cut in rates, while France would very much like to do so but will have to wait for events across the Rhine Take Britain first. Yester-





Taking a powder . . . consumers think the choice of brands is confusing. Procter & Gamble has found

Soap simplification will mean fewer brands

NCE it was all so wives. A cardboard box of easy: there was the soap powder sat on every powder that kitchen windowsill. The washed whiter toughest choice facing the than white, there was another that gave you that special softness and a third that washed away those "biological stains", a cu-phemism for just about

shopper was whether to go be ... for all-action OMO or picture. By the mid-1990s, despite super-value Fairy. It couldn't last ... it recession and consumer de-

compacts came the liquids and hot on their heels came the "super-compacts", soap powders in suspiciously small packages claiming to be ... well, you get the picture.

original compact (Ariel Ultra and Aerial Color), thus leaving customers with a straight(ish) choice that washed away those is control of the traditional brethren, fusingly similar whilst si- for those who would pre- beakers" and declared "the too far.

Dan Atkinson fathoms the mystery of induced down on as fit only for proletarian types using vintage washing machines. NCE it was all so wives. A cardboard box of induced down on the indu strategic arms reduction talks, 2-1 it is, both in terms number of scoops and will last the same length of time." of price and striking power. In other words, a 3-kilo Given that they will also

pack of regular equals a 1.5-kilo pack of super-com-pact, penny for penny. Or rather, scoop for scoop. Because P&G, preclean the same number of clothes and cost exactly the same amount of money, inwe cannot return to the days of one box, one pow-der. But that, perhaps, would be a simplification

famous game of bowls and a looming Spanish armada, but within six days Mr Clarke had underlined his view of little easier if interest rates what was happening to the economy by announcing a modest downward revision of the 3 per cent growth forecast in last year's Budget. The result of the discus-sions was what might be regarded as a scoring draw: interest rates were left on hold. The two men will resume the debate in September with the evidence subsequent to their July discus-

atons still ambivalent.

expectations in the City.

would have to be raised.

were trimmed again. It remains to be seen if the Bundesbank will share that view, despite both domestic factors and external pressures which include sugges tions that unless the Germans help France out of its aconomic dilemma (via lower interest rates) there could be serious consequences for monetary union. Indeed there are those who suggest that the Bundesbank, as custodian of the value of the German

currency, might be less than ARLIER this week the latest producer prices data showed inflationary enthusiastic about the whole idea of monetary union.

That might appear fanciful, pressures within the manuthough if the German central bank starts to believe that the facturing sector at their low-est level for 30 years. This immediately sparked single currency will not bear speculation that Mr Clarke the stamp of the Bundes-might be tempted into a fur-

ther cut in rates, though one tary rectitude, it is likely to motivated more perhaps by politics than economics. Any ardour there was for such a move, however, was man interest rate cut, events tempered by yesterday's un-employment figures and by the average earnings data, which were rather abead of disappointed market expecta-Those will not be the only tions over factors that Messrs Clarke unleashed and George have to review exchanges. tions over interest rates and unleashed storms on foreign

Legal challenge to Lloyd's package

Lisz Buckingham

comes just two weeks before 34,000 Lloyd's Names have to decide on the £3.2 billion LOYD'S £3.2 billion rescue package was yesreconstruction scheme. That is designed to draw a line under the insurance market's erday branded as an un-

disastrous losses. The proposals favour Names who have refused to lawful scheme which discriminated against some of the 300-year-old market's most loyal investors and pay their underwriting losses undermined its fundamental and have opted for legal action against the market.

Richard Gordon QC de-scribed the reconstruction proposals as "irrational and infairly treated — and yester-day's action was launched in the name of four paying persuade the High Court that the name of four paying the 1,275-strong Paying Names Action Group should names including Oxfordshire housewife Susan Johnson be allowed a judicial review whose losses top £1 million.

Mr Gordon said the losses suffered by the 1,275 paying ferred earlier this week to Names accounted for 6 per allow investors to raise cent of the total market losses 500,000 to fight the case, before 1992. £500,000 to fight the case.

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No cash for new statistics £60m bonuses at SBC

Richard Thomas

OVERNMENT plans for a new monthly mea-sure of economic activity have been mothballed because of insufficient resources, according to Whitehall sources. The Office for National Sta-

tistics (ONS) has called a halt to groundwork on a monthly estimate of gross domestic product, orginally intended to supplement the existing quar-terly vardstick, after being forced to trim staff numbers. One government official

said: "This idea has been quietly left to gather dust. "Given the pressures the ONS is under, it is simply too

marginal to be a priority." This year the ONS, the product of a merger of the Central Statistical Office and Last night an Office spokesman said: "It is true that we have no plans to introduce a the Office for Population Censuses and Surveys, is ex-pected to shed 200 staff, one-twentieth of the existing payroll, in order to cut £2 milnear future. lion from its £100 million budget by the end of the century. But ONS insiders also pointed to the problem of collecting data of sufficient accuracy to construct a monthly yardstick for the output of the

whole economy. Even the quarterly figures have been effectively." A monthly GDP series was the brainchild of the previous subject to substantial revihead of the Central Statistical sions in recent years, some ines with adverse market Office. Bill Maclennan, and pasequences. the ONS chief, Tim Holt, is "Even if a number could be said to be less enthusiastic. times with adverse market

consequences.



monthly GDP measure in the Warburg and its parent Swiss Banking Corporation have shared in a bonus bonanza We are hoping to get more information on the service worth nearly £60 million, acsector of the economy, but there is a lot further to go beyesterday. fore you can produce a num-

ber for the whole economy. It is a question of resources and where to focus them most

cent of the increase in staff | mances". The bank said War-costs — about £59 million — | burg had exceeded its finan-related specifically to "perfor- | cial targets. burg had exceeded its finan-cial targets. In addition, the bank mance-related compen-sation". It is understood the cash was shared between investment banking and fund management staff and top

SBC executives.

the incorporation of SG Warburg, which SBC acquired in July 1995. But, SBC told

with 23,000 staff worldwide reported a 10 per cent rise in net interest income. Overall, SBC reported pre-tax profits of £535.5 million — 38 per cent up on last year. Group net The bonuses were paid as SBC reported a big rise in profits were £388 million - 34 per cent abead. This still disappointed

some City critics, who ex-

pected a leap of up to 50 per cent following better-than-ex-pected results from UBS, a main competitor. Most disappointment centred on a 37 per

sions, to £366 million. The bank said they would remain

cent increase in SBC's provi-

first six months of 1995. According to SBC. Warburg and private banking had "ex-

shareholders yesterday, 7 per | cellent operational perfor | high in the second half.

was £1.14 billion, up 58.5 per cent on the same period last pared with the same period last year, to £1.1 billion. Most of the rise relates to year, with commission from securities trading and invest-ment up 79.3 per cent on the

cording to its interim results income from investment The figures show that banking and fund manage-SBC's personnel costs for the ment. Total net commission six months to the end of June leaped by 34.4 per cent com-

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Miners at closure-threatened North Wales pit consider following Tower example



Tyrone O'Sullivan (far left), leader of the employee purchase of Tower Colliery, Mid Glamorgan, yesterday offered advice to mining union representatives from Point of Ayr, North Wales' last colliery, on their plan for a £1.2 million buy-out by 200 pltmen. Owner RJB Mining has announced the mine's closure.

Fiddling and yet unashamed

WORKFACE/Dole cheats or simply the chance that someone needs 12,500 calls in its first week. will further stigmatize the un- woman in her late 30s, had but critics complain there is employed and increase not worked for eight years desperate poor? Mark O'Sullivan meets workers targeted by the snoopers' hotline

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Sean, a 47-year-old from Northern Ireland, is a typical dozen men are example. "You arrive from sam and normally give up at 8 hanging about in well-worn boots, waiting for low-paid caboots, waiting for low-paid ca-sual labouring work in the building trade. "I remember and ask if you need a shift. blokes here," one says. "You couldn't get into a cafe at 6 o'clock in the morning. That's the way the building has gone down "

Sean claims benefit and no effort to target large-scale, accepts the downside of an illegal supplementary inorganised fraudsters rather than those eking out an income on the margins of the labour market. They contrast come: "If you have an acci-dent, you have no comeback. When you're signing on and you have an accident you the estimated £1.4 billion lost through dole fiddling with the may have to change your cir-cumstances and go on the sick. You say you tripped on a £7 billion lost from tax fraud. Gareth, from Swansea, gave

up looking for a job after he was tipped off in a pub that the DSS had put a five-strong surveillance team on him. pavement or something like that. It's a question of finding a pot-hole four inches deep." Asked whether he feels guilty He now lives on £86.72 bene about defrauding the system, fit per fortnight. "I've no money in the bank. I've never been a criminal," he says. At the age of 40, Gareth is bitter taxpayer. Fraud is fraud. Sean says: "Not at all. I'm just down here. Those people are

grudge attacks on DSS counter staff. He also believes that the campaign is hitting the wrong targets. "It should attack private landlords and collusive employers who encourage employees to sign on in order to pay lower wages." he says. But Dr Madsen Pirie, presi

thing. Working here, even if it is only a couple of hours a day, has helped me realise dent of the free market think-tank, the Adam Smith Instithat I can do something." She has no quaims about tute, dismisses the argument that benefit fraud effectively claiming the dole. "My pay only amounts to about 260 a subsidises low-wage employweek. You can't live on £60."

Pointing out that the major trade unions are now calling for a minimum wage of £4-

when she found a part-time

The Guardian Thursday August 15 1996 **Cable twist** lands **BICC** in the red

prove operating profits from £46 million to £56 million.

ICC, the cables and construction group which owns the con-Beatty, has dived into the red after one-off hits more than wiped out profilts.

BICC made a pre-tax loss of £2 million during the first half of 1996 - against profits of £60 million for the same time last year — due partly to problems at KWO, its strug-gling German cables business, battered by difficult trading conditions. BICC made a charge of

lan King

£25 million to cover asset write-downs and redundancies at KWO, which along with £40 million in property write-downs was more than enough to wipe out the 263 million in profits. BICC also said it would be cutting another 180 jobs at KWO, bringing total redun-dancies at the subsidiary over

the last year to 580, and warned there was still no sign of improvement in the German cable market. Among the property write-

downs, the company slashed the book value of its interest in London's Spitalfields devel-opment site by £35 million, al-though BICC said it was "actively following up" opportunities for the site. where a deal has been agreed with ABN Amro, the Dutch

Announcing the figures, the chief executive. Alan Jones. said the benefits of BICC's rationalisation of its world-

wide cable operations were starting to come through. He said BICC was also expanding its cable business

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into new markets, such as In-dia, Egypt, Peru and the United Arab Emirates.

But Mr Jones said the picture remained bleak at Balture remained bleak at bar-four Beatty, where operating profits slid from £13 million to £1 million, and he warned that things were unlikely to improve in the short term. One bright spot at Balfour Beatty was the performance of its three track-renewal-and-

of its three track-renewal-andor its intee track-renewal-and-maintenance units, bought from British Rail in April, which helped to offset diffi-culties elsewhere in the division, particularly in the United States, where the div-

ision made a loss. Balfour Beatty is now Brit-ain's biggest private sector rail contractor, and is concentrating in the South-east, where it expects work to come from such projects as the Channel Tunnel high-

speed rail link. Meanwhile. Mr Jones said that Balfour Beatty's general construction business was continuing to perform compe-tently, while the division con-tinued to win "significant" overseas project work. Despits the loss, BICC shares climbed on to 320 pm

banking group. However, despite the trou-ble at KWO, BICC's cable divshares climbed 5p to 320p on the figures, which were in managed to imline with City forecasts.

News in brief

Moscow city buys Zil car company

RUSSIA'S privatisation programme suffered a high-profile casualty yesterday when the Moscow city authorities bought a controlling stake in Zil, the troubled automotive manufacturer whose cars were once among the favourite status symbols of Soviet bureaucrats.

job making lunchtime food in a local pub. "My self-confi-dence was at an all-time low. I The Mayor of Moscow, Yurl Luzhkov, announced that the city had bought the Zil stake from Microdin, a large Russian gave up any course they sent me on because I didn't feel capable of achieving anytrading company that has tried unsuccessfully to impose its

will on the company's management. Mr Luzhkov attacked Russia's privatisation programme for bringing Soviet-era industrial giants to "complete ruin" and said they should remain in government hands. He vowed to

reorganise Zil and make it profitable. Zil was a major producer of heavy trucks as well as its trademark limousines during the Soviet era, but it has found few buyers for its products since then.

US fines Japanese bank Backed by a £500,000 public-ity campaign, the hotline "The biggest scroungers are perpetrated by individuals could get that I wouldn't need THE US unit of Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan was fined.

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"But some people accept £15 | launched this month by the electricity board, the gas and if it is the case that there to sign on. Taxpayers aren't similation (2845 million) yesterday for faisifying bond trading day. You make your mind Social Security Secretary board, those type of people." You're just there on the the Government's terms, with Government's new hotline Katherine, a Yorkshire- signing on."

fraud or encouraging fraud, that should be acted against too."

York State Banking Department, and it is the latest confrontation between domestic regulators and a Japanese bank. In addition to the fine, the bank's New York-based trust unit was barred from

spotted lurking in Vancou-

the securities lending business. Early this year, the US authorities fined Dalwa Bank \$340 mlllon for a delay in reporting a \$1.1 billion bond trading loss at its New York subsidiary. The LTCB scandal centres on a trader at the bank who allegedly conducted unauthorised securities transactions and faked records to conceal the trades. The bank acknowledged in a statement that "irregularities"

The penalty was one of the largest over imposed by the New

had occurred. - AP

Home outlay fails

LOWER mortgage rates and rising earnings have more than outweighed rising house prices during the last quarter, according to the TSB. The bank's "affordability index" says that on average, borrowers now spend £25.40 on their mortgage out of every £100 of take-home pay — a fall of almost 18 per cont over the last year. The TSB says the cost of buying a home is now at its most affordable level in 18 years, but predicts that the real cost of home-

owning will rise again after Christmas as a result of interest rate increases and rising house prices. It says "affordability" is likely to improve slightly to £25.20 per

1100 of take-home pay by the end of this year, before rising to £29.10 by the end of 1997. — Ian Wytie

Newspaper bid referred

THE proposed £305 million takeover of the regional newspaper group Westminster Press is to be investigated by the Monopolies

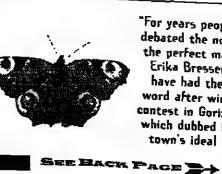
group Westminister Fress is to be investigated by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, it was announced yesterday. Newsquest, formed last year through a management buyout of Reed Regional Newspapers from Reed Elsevier, wants to buy Westminister from Pearson group. Westminister's titles include the Northern Echo in Darlington, the Telegraph & Argus in Bradford, the Oxford Mail, Brighton Evening Argus and Yorkshire Evening Press.

Takeovers involving newspaper groups of a certain size are automatically referred to the MMC, unless there are special circumstances. The Corporate and Consumer Affairs Minister. John Taylor, said he was referring the proposed Westminster deal to the commission and had asked for a report of its findings by October 31. — PA

Munich Re makes US bid

MUNICH RE, the world's largest reinsurer, said it would offer \$55 a share to take over American Re Corp, to increase its presence in the United States. The offer, made in accord with Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co, which owns 64 per cent of American Re, values the US reinsurer at \$3.3 billion.

Munich Re will finance the acquisition primarily from its own resources. It said American Re had annual premium income of \$2.6 billion, representing a 10 per cent share of the US market. It is the world's third largest reinsurer in property and casualty, the German company said. — *Bloomberg*



"For years people have debated the notion of the perfect man, but Erika Bressen may have had the Final word after winning a contest in Goriza. Italy which dubbed her the town's ideal man."

Stable oil-price thanks to Saddam Underside Chris Barrie continues our series on London's less-known markets - IPE Russian president, faced atalso use the market to make money by exploiting these tempts to oust him from the Kremlin.

Although the exchange is located in London, prices quoted on the IPE's trading floor are relayed electroni-Always busy, the exchange is particularly chaotic at times of economic or political crisis. Traders talk of how Iraq's invasion led to 50,000 contracts for Brent crude cally around the world, so the exchange influences, and is influenced by, global oilbeing traded as refiners, producers and marketers rushed price movements. But the unexpected nature of and marketers can avoid insuring themselves against to take positions as a way of

Its principal products, contracts for future deliveries of Brent crude, are watched closely as an industry bench-mark. At first contracts were traded on the basis that they would be settled on the due date with physical delivery of the oil. Now the exchange also offers traders and oil groups the means of settling the contracts with cash instead — enhancing the liquid-

stead — enhancing the requir-ity of the market. The exchange is trading about 60,000 contracts a day at present, equivalent to 60 mil-lion barrels of oil. World oil production is not much higher, at about 70 million barrels a day. Europe's only energy futures and options exchange, the IPE is used by, among others. BP and Shell and banks such as Lloyds, the Barclays' subsidiary BZW. Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley. Trading is by "open out-

cry", where registered floor traders accept bids and offers on the trading floor. Exchange officials record the deals on video tape. As in most exchanges the traders, wearing different-coloured badges according to their speciality, tend to be young and able to work long hours. The exchange is planning to launch trading in gas con-tracts shortly. It will also need to find a replacement basis for setting prices because production and trading in Brent blend is falling. But, given the instability of many oil-producing regions, the exchange should be in business years after Saddam has quit the scene.

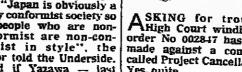
Tomorrow: London's gold market

GOOD old Railtrack is laying the blame for level-crossing accidents firmly where it belongs: on the victims. A cassette tape — a joint venture with the — a joint venture with the air and rail companies' own goon squad, the British Transport Police — "delib-erately pushes good taste to the limit" (Railtrack's own words).

It reconstructs a train/ car smash-up. Get hit by an express, Railtrack gloats, and "police could be look-ing for your remains ... tives can reach for a glass of Boschendal 1992 (a most over three-quarters of a mile". Most accidents, Railagreeable red) or chill out with the 1994 Chardonnay. track coyly admits, occur The Underside investigated on unmanned crossings. Yes, indeed. Since 1986. the former at Charterhouse unions estimate. BR/Rail-Street on Tuesday and can track has cut the number of report favourably. crossing keepers by about half, from 650-ish to 350.

N THE wake of Manches-ter United finance direc-tor Robin Launders' trans-ORION publishing staff threw a dinner in Soho fer to Leeds United, last night to mark a visit man himself was being touted as a financial genius whose feat in promoting by star author Peter Tasker. whose day job is as Old Trafford in the City was on a par at least with Alan Shearer's goals in Euro '96. But the Reds' small shareholders' action group is less than 1mpressed. accusing Launders in a press release of "several strategic blunders". In

particular, he takes a slat-ing for establishing a "me-gacorp" executive shareoption scheme of watercompany proportions, of selling United short on a "paltry" kit deal and of over-pricing tickets, leav ing empty spaces in the stands. More dramatically, they accuse him of being a "political liability", and label him "Marie Antolnette", after he allegedly said supporters unable to buy match tickets could al-



ASKING for trouble? High Court winding-up order No 002847 has been formist in style", the made against a company author told the Underside. called Project Cancellation. Asked if Yazawa - last | Yes, quite.

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Eleinwort Benson International's strategist in Tokyo. True-Brit Tasker headed east in 1977, since which time he has picked up numerous awards for financial analysis. But it is his second novel, just pub-

lished (Buddha Kiss, Orion £9.99) that best displays his forecasting skills. Buddha features a seri-

ously deranged cult leader and a maniacal rogue trader. Not bad, given that Tasker was putting pen to

Tokyo underground gas attack or the unveiling of Sumitomo's rock'n'roll copper dealer Yasuo Haman-

paper 18 months ago, be fore either the Aum cult's alleged involvement in the

aka. Tasker's fictional dealer. Terumasa Yazawa, makes downbeat Haman

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ver — were likely to pop up in future opera, Trasker was inscrutable: "could be". Dan Atkinson TIMES are tough for the chaps at De Beers, what with Brother Ivan cheating on his diamond quotas and

RTZ failing to rein in the wild colonial boys at its Ar-gyle mining affiliate in Australis. But founder Cecil John Rhodes provided

for everything. In his foresight, he in-cluded in his Rhodes Fruit Farms a vineyard, which remains to this day part of the De Beers-Anglo-Minorco empire. As a result, harassed De Beers execuحكذا من الدعل

The Guardian Thursday August 15 1996

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Owner hits out at Dettori for 'not trying'



RANKIE Dettori KANKIE Dettori turned up half an hour late at Salisbury yes-terday to find himself in the middle of a row over his riding of Cape Pigeon, on whom he finished third in Walter Swinburn's winning comehack rose at Window of comeback race at Windsor on

comeback race at windsor on Monday. Neither Eric Gadsden, the owner of Cape Pigeon, nor Gerald Cotirell, the trainer, is happy with Dettor's perfor-mance and Gadsden is ada-mant he is getting out of the game as a result.

game as a result. They are upset that Dettori did not appear to make more effort to keep Cape Pigeon go-ing when Swinburn and Ta-lathath ranged alongside a furlong and a half out.

Cape Pigeon is a confirmed front runner who normally finds extra for pressure, but be failed to hang on for second place when pipped on the line by Tomal costing forecast punters dear.

The stewards beld an inquiry into Dettori's riding but took no action after hearing the jockey's view that Cape Pigeon was tired and could not have found any more. "Normally at Windsor Cape

Pigeon hits the straight and goes," said Cottrell. "But in my opinion, having watched the film several times, Dettori didn't ride too hard and Cape Pigeon was jumping around aferwards as if he hadn't had a race.

Gadsden, a 52-year-old property developer, did not mince matters and commented; "Dettori was certainly not trying and I am certain the horse should have won. I hope this is not the pattern of comeback wins. I never bet on my own horses but feel so Altamura, trained by John

strongly that I've finished with racing. I've had horses for 16 years and had more pleasure from Cape Pigeon, who has won 11 times, than anything you can do with your clothes on."

Dettori said yesterday: "The stewards held an in-quiry and accepted my expla-nation and as far as I'm con-cerned that's the end of the matter. If I did anything wrong it was probably going too fast in the first half of the race."

One is hesitant to dispute the view of a jockey as only he knows the sort of feel a horse is giving him, but it must be said that from the stands in this case it did look as if Dettori accepted matters

rather easily. Only Gadsden may feel that Cape Pigeon should have won the race, but the stewards inese days normally jump on jockeys failing to ride out for a place and perhaps Dettori was let off lightly.

His late arrival yesterday was due to flat batteries in Walter Swinburn's plane which had not been used for six months. Both men eventually arrived at the track but Dettori's mount on Rasmussen in the opener was taken by Ray Cochrane.

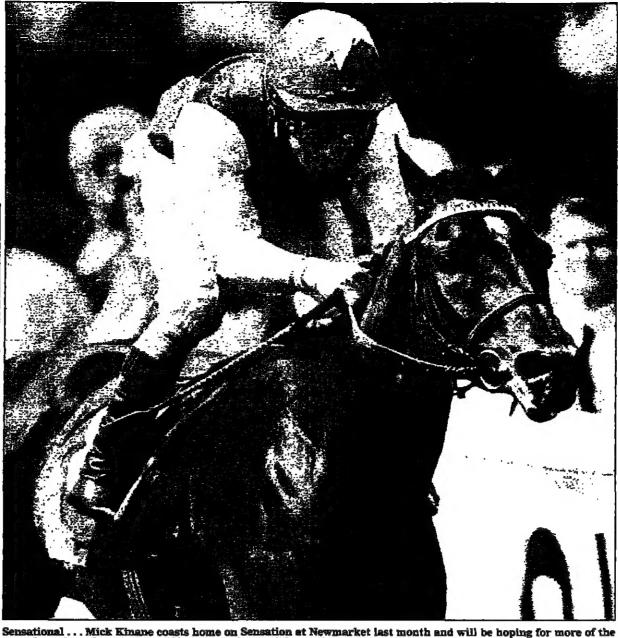
The race was won by Orontes on whom the apprentice Dane O'Neill got up in the final strides. O'Neill needs only two winners now before losing his allowance. He is undoubtedly a talented, styl-ish young rider and one hopes his opportunities do not dry

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After returning from two months off with a broken elbow last Friday, Dettori rode his first winner when



same from the unbeaten French filly in today's prestigious Prix Jacques le Marois at Deauville. PHOTOGRAPH FRANK BARON

Gosden, ran lazily after hit- | encouraging about his other good four-year-old Tamurs, who has been off the course with a foot problem since finishing fourth in last season's

tarra in last year's Derby, is back in work and the plan is to run him in the Arc with a

Charnwood Forest and Gothenberg carry British bopes in the Group One Prix Jacques le Marois at Deau-ville today. Codolphie's Charg good

Godolphin's Charnwood Forest, winner of the Queen Anne Stakes at Royal Ascot quette Head. Along with Sensation, Anne Stakes at Royal Ascot and second to First Island in ning World (Cash Asmussen)

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The Paralympics

Britain ready to dig into the gold mine

Richard Redden in Atlanta sets the uncertain scene for the parallel games

HEY are the second-biggest event in the sport-ing world and they start here tonight with the opening ceremony at the Olympic stadium hosted by the disabled Superman actor Chris-

topher Reeve. For many, the Paralympics represent the true Olympic ideal, the striving for a per-sonal best within the physical limits of the body. Perhaps, too, the Para-lympics can bear too close a resemblance to the Olympic Games. So far the contestants arriving in Atlanta have suf-fered the same problems that blighted the other event. Hundreds of Paralympians had to wait for hours at the airport on Monday night after the computer system provid-ing credentials crashed. Then on Tuesday cyclists trying to get to Stone Mountain had to hall cabs and commandeer equipment vans when the buses that were supposed to pick them up failed to show. Once the games get under way, there will be 120 nations

represented by 4,000 athletes with physical disabilities. Some 1,000 coaches and team staff, 1,500 officials and 12,000 volunteers will participate. The question now is can At-

lanta, which packed so much emotion into the Olympics. put its life and soul into these games?

What is certain is that the British team, 243 strong, will do far better than their Olym-

pic counterparts. Britain is one of the most successful nations in Paralympic sport and Shaanxi, the mount of top

including British Telecom and Royal Mail. In 1992 they notched up 128 medals — 40 gold, 47 silver and 41 bronze - coming third after the United States and Germany.

What Paralympics stands for is Parallel Olympics: parallel to the Olympic Games, and not to be confused with paraplegia. Paraplegia, paralysis in both legs, is one of 24 medi-cal definitions of disability on which the rules of the games are based.

The Paralympics started in 1960 in Rome and the aim was to follow on from the Olympic Games at the same host cities. But somehow along the road the original ideal was lost and the venues became separated from those of the Olympics. It was the Koreans who restored that spirit to the event, hosting 3,500 competi-tors in Seoul in 1988. Four

years later in Barcelona more than 1.3 million people came. With 17 sports represented in Atlanta plus two demonstration sports, about 600 golds will be up for grabs, against some 330 in the Olym-pics. That is because disabil-

ity sport has a highly devel-oped "handicapping" system to ensure that like competes against like, making for a far higher number of medals to be more for altern super-

be won for given events. To take swimming as an example, there are 10 different disability grades and three grades for blind or visually impaired swimmers. On top of that there are five added grades for breaststroke and

two for the medley. The close cooperation in Britain between the Olympic and Paralympic athletes has been especially heartening. For the past two years Para-lympians have been invited to join the pre-Olympic training camps in Florida, and this year the Olympic swimming trials were combined with the Paralympic trials.

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Martin Thorpe on what may become a Premiership blueprint

Rule offered an insight into why Arsenal and other Premiership clubs are seek-ing high-profile drawing

cards as managers. Chelsea's boss was speak

ing as Highbury applied the fine print to Arsene Wenger's contract. Although the Frenchman lacks Gullit's

playing credentials, Europe is

Franck Leboeuf and Roberto Di Matteo to ensure that each



to call his own . . . Barry Fry takes in the Posh atmosphere at London Road where he is in charge of the Second Division club's destiny both on and off the field

Francis is committed to the madhouse again

Robert Pryce reports on the return to Birmingham City of the lost Superboy-

WICE burned, still calls them. He has also sold shy, Trevor Francis Brady's husband, the Cana-has taken on a managed dian striker Paul Peschier's job again. 'Tm voluntarily going back into the madhouse." he says. His solido, but the 37-year-old managing director is reported to be impressed nevertheless grin is a little lopsided. by her new manager. or at

Francis has travelled the least by the fact that his sons full ragged cycle back to Birwear Dolce & Gabbana. mingham City. The club that Indeed the Francis family looks a picture, St Andrews signed him as a schoolboy 27 years ago has given him his | will soon follow suit, and now last chance to prove himself that a sufficient number of as a manager.

Blues strikers have returned to full fitness — Furlong, Newell, Paul Barnes and As a leyear-old who could to full fitness — Furlong, bend the ball to his every Newell. Paul Barnes and whim, he scored 15 goals in Kevin Francis have all been his first 15 games. Can Superboy fly again? You can see the spine should be fine too. narrow. no." Francis said poers should already know that him go for take-off when Bir provided the goalkeeper Ian litely after his team escaped the Superboy they lost in 1979 mingham open their season at home to Crystal Palace live on Sky at Sunday lunchtime. His friends think he is crazy, he says. but other League managers are entitled to be a trifle envious. Admittedly this particular madhouse is run by David Sullivan and Karren Brady, the Dastardly and Muttley of football-club executives, but they have allowed him to spend more than £3 million on new players this summer and the fans are ready to grant him

Bennett regains the inspirasively reinforced back four fell apart like a cheap T-shirt. tion he showed last season before he broke his hand. Spurs won 4-3.

The wings, though, look less promising. Francis has been employing three central defenders — Ablett, Bruce and the Irish international Gary Breen - in the Liverpool mode, with the full-backs pushed up on the opposing wide midfielders. But Martin Grainger and Gary Poole, Francis's initial choices for these positions, have yet to look comfortable in their new roles, and Grainger will anyway miss the start of the sea-son after picking up a knee ligament injury in a 2-1 de-feat at bome to Everton last

"I wouldn't say we're too

"Famous Five" this expen-

Walker's shortcomings had become increasingly evident with age: Peter Atherton had to be shifted to right-back when it became apparent that at least one of the central defenders had to be more com-manding in the air; Ian Nolan, bought to play left-back, looked more comfortable on the right; and Dan Petrescu, bought to play right-back, showed no under standing of the demands of zonal defending. Together they played six games, in which Wednesday conceded 14 goals and dropped 16

points. Birmingham support-ers should already know that

Has-been who never was talks up Posh

Paul Kelso finds the owner-manager of Peterborough United champing at the bit

most Premiership manag-ers were plotting transfer coups finalising team selection for the season's open ing day, Barry Fry, the new owner-manager of Second Division Peterborough United, had more pressing problems. It had been raining for four hours and the gutters on the new Family

Stand could not cope. "It bucketed down all afternoon and the gutters couldn't take it; you could effin' swim in a couple of the executive boxes after an hour." he said.

liked collecting players; for Peterborough he has al-ready signed nine, among them Martin O'Connor from Walsall, a club-record buy at £300,000 and "the was no good me just bring ing a bit of cash and enthu-siasm. The club's got bags best player in the Second Division last season," he of potential but I've got to says.

His relish for the game is get the fans interested." The Fry effect seems to be working. Season-ticket born of a desire to atome for past failures. When he was sales are up, and all 28 home games have been sponsored in advance for an apprentice at Manches-ter United in the Sixties Matt Busby told him he be first time. On the field would be the next Jimmy Greaves. To a degree Busby was right, only Fry skipped things are looking up too. "We beat Sheffield

the scoring feats and went straight for the drinking. "I pissed my future up against the wall." he says. "I'm the has-been who Wednesday 2-0 three weeks ago and got a standing ova-tion. When you speak to the supporters, they just want to finish in the top half of the table having come 19th never was. I started at the last year; I want promotion top, failed, and it's been

was on his way to Stamford Bridge. "I went to Colin Hutchinson, the managing director, and told him who I wanted," PHOTOGRAPH: TOM JENKINS said Gullit. "Vialli I know personally; my best friend, a manager, tipped me off that Di Matteo was available; and Leboeuf is someone I knew

was a good player. "I then phoned each one. Just one phone call each. Then I left the negotiations to Colin because wages and fees are not my concern."

The signings have had a galvanising affect on the club and season-ticket sales have reached a club-record 23 mil-lion. Replica shirt sales and other merchandising have also gone through the roof Hutchinson confirmed Gul lit's influence. "We've got two marvellous plusses," he said,

'Ruud's reputation through out Europe and the attraction of London to overseas play-ers. If you had said two years ago that Gullit, Vialli and Di Matteo were coming to Chelsea they would have put you in a loony bin and thrown away the key."

Gullit also revealed that money was a major factor in his decision to buy European. "I could have bought English players instead," he said. "But they cost money and l

couldn't afford it." He w ent on to which the

way and everybody loved it. But what the English must

not do is just play the Euro-

pean way. You must make a mixture of it; keep your own

identity and take some things

well aware of his managerial record. And reputation counts for everything when it comes to luring high-calibre players from the Continent. It took Gullit just one phone call to Gianluca Vialli,

goodwill. "The city is buzzing," says Francis. "Birmingham have terrific potential."

an almost bottomless fund of

He has brought in Paul Fur-long and Mike Newell to lead the attack, Barry Horne to guard the central midfield and Steve Bruce and Cary Ab-lett to play in central defence.

"The spine of the team," he Francis . . . twice-burned

Rangers digest war dispatch as rivals Celtic chew on mint

Rangers go into the parade their talents in Vladikavkaz after all next ons' League qualifyinground tie with a 3-1 against Alania. Wednesday, despite the threat of conflict from

Jim Bone has quit as manager of St Mirren in neighbouring Chechenia. There had been talk of protest at the sacking of his assistant Kenny McDowall moving the match from southern Russia to Moscow but the European govern-lng body Uofa said yester-day: "The match will go ahead as planned. We are for financial reasons. "My principles will not allow me to stay on," he said. Celtic have announced a satisfied that the security 54 per cent increase in turnover to £16 million for the year ended June 30, helped arrangements are such that the venue did not need to be by a rise in season-tickets from 18,500 to 29,300. switched, given all the in-formation we had."





from Walsall with a 1-1 draw last week. And then he added: "There are far too many assessments made on players in pre-season '

Saturday.

His teams have not looked too hot in the early season either. In 1989 Queens Park Rangers won only three of 15 games before Francis was sacked. In 1992 Sheffield Wednesday won four of their first 19 games before catching fire in the new year. In 1993 they won only one of their first 13. And the opening day of the following season brought a setback that contradicted his judgment, curdled his confidence and did most to hasten his departure from

Hillsborough. Francis had just spent £3.6 million of Wednesday's money on three new defend ers to play alongside the £2.7 million Des Walker, but

public bickering in the news paper columns." Welcome back to the madhouse. against Tottenham's ill-fated Trevor.

Villa snap up £4m Curcic from Bolton

Chris Moore

ASTON VILLA last night spent a club-record £4 mil-lion on Bolton Wanderers' highly rated Yugoslav international Sasa Curcic. But the 23-year-old Serbian midfielder is unlikely to make his debut for at least two weeks while work permit details are sorted out. The deal reunites Curcic

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his £1.5 million move to Burnden Park in October. Brian Little, the VIIIa manager, twice approached Bol-ton over Curcic last season. This is the one player I have been trying to sign above all

others," he said last night. 'It's a fantastic deal for the club. I've been in regular con-tact with [Bolton's manager] Colin Todd over the last six months and was resigned to playing a patient and waiting game. Sunderland too are ex-

pected to break their transfer record today, paying £1.3 million for Manchester City's Niall Quinn. "It's a club record but he's an international footballer and I'm delighted to have him." sold Sunderland's nanager Peter Reid.

Leicester paid Norwich £600.000 for the defender Spencer Prior and are seeking to shan Millwall's goalkeeper Kasey Keller for £) million.

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has not returned in the lower divisions, Superman. Sullivan and Brady have where club finances can be themselves had to admit to a

fans would still find some-

thing to moan about," he told reporters last month. "There has been a lot of bad

publicity for the club," Fran-

cis observed, "with too much

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parlous. Keeping the Posh in the black while making few embarrassing errors. In the black while makin There was the threat to force sure they retain their preent status is the immediate task for Fry, who fulfilled his long-held ambition to own a club by paying an es-timated \$500,000 for a 75 per cent stake in Peterbor-onch 214 months are the local papers to pay to cover the team (failed), the scheme that demanded supporters pay extra for tickets to away games (abandoned). and the decision to close ough 2% months ago. down the club's schools of ex-Sacked by Birmingham cellence (reversed). Sullivan has also acquired the destruc-tive habit of castigating Bir-mingham supporters. "If we signed Alan Shearer these

City in May, he was hunting for a job when Peterbor-ough's chief executive Chris Turner, his former assistant at Barnet, invited him to be manager. He agreed on condition that he be allowed to buy into the club. "I couldn't have come

here only as manager," he says. "If I'd been successful I'd have moved on in two

Athletics

Baseball

Bowls

Such are the trials of life in the first year. Being realistic, I've got a three-year plan to get us out."

Watching Fry on the training ground it is clear his dual responsibilities have not detracted from his enthusiasm. Wearing only shorts and boots he cajoles players on two pitches at once, looking every inch the "51, fat and happy

fella" he professes to be. Yet his transformation from training-ground drill sergeant to boardroom boss is effortless. Having prom-ised the players a weekend away so they can all "get a bird, get pissed, and play 18 holes of golf", a now double-breasted Fry gives a grand tour of the club's

London Road ground. As we pass the club secre-tary's office he looks in and adds: "Of course, the years, leaving Peterbor-ough in the lurch. And it contracts. He has always

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lownhill ever since. But Fry does not dwell on

Chelses's lead in employing a the past. Even his sacking separate person to negotiate from Birmingham - "the transfers would increasingly biggest surprise I've ever had in football" — has not left him bitter. 'T've never be followed in England. "The old way is too much for one man. You can't manage, train, do the paperwork. You don't looked forward to a season as much as this one. I've got have enough time, and everyto do the business on the field, but I also want to see body has his own specialties." However, he argued that there was still a place for traif this silly football man-ager can run a club." ditional English methods on the pitch. 'In Euro 96 Eng-As for his fluctuating forland played in the European

tunes, he says: "Football's football. There are no ethics or fairness. It's a cut-throat business, but at least these days I don't have to plead for money to huy a player. I haven't got to answer to anyone.

that are good from abroad to "The only certainty in management is that you'll beauty of this job is I can't get the sack."

improve your game, "The English identity is famous worldwide, But I can feel something is changing at Chelsea and in the whole English game."

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down, and Nick Skelton is expected to partner Cathleen. A £5.000 boous will be paid should a rider win both tomorrow's Derby trial and the Derby itself.

Olympic Games

Athens yesterday became the fourth city to submit a bid to host the 2004 Games, one day before the IOC deadline.



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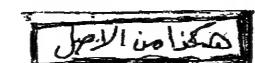
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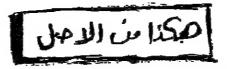
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WORKEN'S WORLD CTHURS (Learning-ton Spa): Margines Round Elight: Bectles Gene lernel to US 25-18; Cook to in Ar-rating 25-14; Southand (W Line) in Figure 25-17; Zampha bi 1/2 25-17; Botherem by Ireland (M Johnston) 25-12; Malaysia bi Zintoshwe 25-24; Molawed bi Kanya 25-18; Canton Suna Machall, In M Sanis St. B Hockey



SPORTS NEWS 15

'It was a collective nervous breakdown . . . Trafalgar Square was torched and other places were trashed'



Frank Keating

HE END. The line was graphically drawn under the Great Summer of Sport last night. Euro Cops 96, the latest pro-gramme in BBC1's challeng-Inside Story series, not

********************************** Tour match: Leicestershire v Pakistanis

Spin sends

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Cricket

Neville Foulges at Grace Road

only ransacked the generally held national perception and presumption that the

Summer's soccer champion-ship had passed off in a feel-good glow of sweetness and light, but also made one ques-tion the carefree natures of those seeking to bring the al-together more unwieldily gigantic World Cup or Olympic Games to London early in the

new century. As last night's film showed, England's defeat on penalties by Germany in the semi-final at Wembley on June 26 trig-gered such a mayhem of mis-begotten malevolence around the country that any boasts about English soccer being

Yet until last night the after-math of the Germany match had scarcely been debated. Were even wise men so caught up in the drama of the penalty shoot-out that night that they rounded up and the injured were being cared for - and there was still much merrier newsdesk mileage to be had could not be bothered to examine the vicious sequel on the sireets? Did, perhaps, the tabloids from Gareth Southgate's and the over-excitable in

broadcasting semi-conactously choose to ignore the riots round England on the night of June 26 in palpable guilt at the zenophobic preju come, but it is the way of this world. When full cooperation was promised to the BBC two dice against Kraut and Fritz years ago the Association of

Chief Police Officers had in mind a fascinating little film of timing and the onrush of new deadlines? By Friday morning, 36 hours after the riots, the rioters had been mother's opinion on his miss. You can sympathise with the police at being upset this morning with the film's out-

illustrating the amount of con scientious skill and painstaking planning that had gone into ensuring the success and placidity of Euro 96. But most of such footage -- crisply in-formed and uniformed offi-terminally as the flames tournament. It was superb burned out cars in Trafalgar Square on the night of June 26. Who could expect the awardthat the foreign hoolies came over simply to observe and Winning documentary film-maker Ian Stuttard and his assistant producer David Boardman to do otherwise?

not to play. What was most enlightening, however, was how the di-sastrous final chapter obvi-Mind you, there is another film to be made by someone,

ously took the police - and some time, on the Football the film makers — by com-plete surprise. No amount of meticulous police planning Association's crazily haphazard ticket distribution for the championship. Segregation of costing £20 million could have lans was a cornerstone of the police operation, but the FA's policy seemed at times akin to tossing down confetti-like prepared them for the scale of grief and despair that was so suddenly visited on England's handfuls of tickets from the top of Nelson's Column at nine towns and villages that night when Southgate mulled his o'clock every morning of the kick. Grief it was, and the grief was manifest. The youth policing and sheer good luck which kept the stadiums free of trouble; as well as the fact of England could not handle it. It was a collective and erup-tive nervous breakdown for an hour or three into the dark hours. Trafalgar Square was torched all right, but other places all round the country were trashed: Mansfield, Gil-

vil, Norwich, Bedford, Dunstable . . . It was large-scale and serious disorder. The police admit that their emer cency-call service almost collapsed and had not been so dramatically stretched since

an innocent Russian visitor to Brighton (where earlier seven distraught men had to be res-cued after throwing themselves off the Palace Pier). He had been mistaken for a German and was stabbed repeatedly. In vengeance for a penal ty miss. During the Great Summer of Sport. Good riddance to it.

the waste-laying night of the great gale of 1987. One man was almost killed,

lingham, Kidderminster, Yeo-

Rugby Union Roumat leads against Wales

LIVIER ROUMAT will become the first Frenchman to captain the Barbarians against a full international team when they play Wales at Cardiff Arms Park on Saturday week. The lock forward from Dax. capped 62 times by France, will lead a quality side containing 12 senior internationals from nine countries. Roumat is joined by three compatriots in the centres

Stephane Glas and Richard Dourthe and the uncapped Biarritz full-back David Arrieta. Aran Pene, 15 times an All

Black, is given the chance to pack down opposite his cousin Hemi Taylor, the Wales flanker born in New Zealand. Argentina's scrum-half Augustin Pichot, who is wanted by several English clubs, will link with Australia's Pat Howard at half-back. and there will be a special frisson when the Cardiff wing

ieuan Evans, Wales's captain.

Two uncapped Fijians in Aparama Bose and Marika

Gasuna will add to the cosmo-politan atmosphere alongside

players from Scotland, Ire-

Jonah Lomu hopes to be fit.

for the first Test against South Africa in Durban on

Saturday. The All Black wing

The former New Zealand

captain Mike Brewer, who now plays for the Dublin-

based Blackrock College club. will be part of Ireland's inter-

national coaching staff dur-

ing the coming season.

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Province.

ARISTAN were saved from acute embarrassment by a ninth-wickst partnership of 79 between Mushtag Ahmed and Ata-ur-Rehman in a curiously low-key affair here

yesterday. On a pitch taking appreciable turn, the tourists slipped to 142 for eight in 67 overs before lunch after winning the toss. But Mushtaq helped bring a semblance of respect-ability, finishing as top scorer with 38 in a total of 221.

By the close Leicestershire were 28 for one, the opener Iain Suicliffe being bowled by the final ball of the day from Mohammad Akram.

The good news for Pakistan was that Aamir Sohail came through his first competitive the hand injury

been undone by quality deliv-eries. Salim, having batted 139 minutes for 52, was caught off his glove at slip as he tried to cut a ball which turned and lifted. Mushtag was unable to avoid a delivwas change to avoid a deliv-ery from Gordon Parsons which jumped at him and he was given out, caught behind despite pointedly rubbing his left elbow as he walked to the dressing room.

The rest of Pakistan's top order was guilty of a loss of concentration until Mushtag and Rehman showed how to play on a spinners' pitch. It will be interesting to see how Mushtaq the leg-spinner uses the conditions.

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that kept him out of the second Test at Headingley. He produced some typically flamboyant shots in his 58-ball innings before being bowled for 30, attempting an extravagant sweep against the left-arm spin of Matthew Brimson.

Brimson had a good day, taking four for 39 in 21 overs, and the off-spinner Adrian Pierson claimed three for 44 in 20 overs. But Pakistan, who included seven of their side from the Headingley Test, con-tributed to their own downfall with some indisciplined and reckless stroke-play. Only Salim Malik and

Mushtaq could claim to have

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Leadership up for grabs as top three counties take time out

KENT and Derbyshire out of Kent's side for the visit of Somerset to Canterpressure on the three counties above them in the bury. The main threat to Kentish hopes may come championship over the from Andrew Caddick, back from England duty. Dominic Cork likewise

pext few days. The leaders Surrey and third-placed Essex are coincidentally given time off on rota, and Leicestershire. who lie between them in the table, entertain the Pakistani tourists. Since Kent and Derby-shire each have 185 points

and Surrey are only seven better off, the odds favour a new look at the top come Monday evening, if not sooner. Even Yorkshire, in sixth place on 177 points, • Mike Gatting has recov-could take over the leader- ered from arthroscopic

ship should Kent and Der-byshire slip up. Mark Ealham's strained in the Middlesex squad rib muscle again keeps him | against Worcestershire.

Ice Hockey

Save the British goaltender

Vic Batchelder

WHEN Sir John Hall's Newcastle Cobras finally revealed their line-up for the new season yesterday, they completed a full set of Superleague clubs employing overseas goaltenders.

The 28-year-old former Finnish international Mika Rautio, who played for Kiekko-Espoo in his country's Cowley, was preferred to him for the British Championship final at Wembley last March. Elite League last season, will contest the goaltender's position with last season's incumbent, the 22-year-old Stephen Foster, a member of Great Britain's World Champion-

Nottingham) and Jason Wood (Cardiff) are the only Indigenous goalies smore to employed by the eight Super-league clubs. The news coin-new Superleague.

Motammed Akram not out . Extras (b5, 1613, w1, nb4).....

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e M J Kitchen and G Sharp.

returns for Derbyshire at home to Nottinghamshire, which is just as well since Colin Wells and Andrew

Richard Kettleborough,

23, who has been among the runs in the Yorkshire seconds, has the task of

replacing Michael Bevan,

now returned to Australia.

against Gloucestershire at

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cides with an attack by the

McKay left Sheffield Steel

Harris are ruled out.

Bristol.

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scored a try on his return from a left knee cartilage in-jury in the 31-23 midweek England expects . . . the world No. 1 Laura Davies, winner of two majors already this year, takes an iron to the Woburn woods in practice mark earch

David Davies on the young phenomenon who defends her Weetabix Women's British Open title today

Woburn wired for Webb

burn. She had just won, by Even in that determinedly the massive margin of six chauvinistic country such shots, the Weetabix Women's success could hardly be igsuccess could hardly be ig-British Open and within seconds of holing the winning birdie putt she was wet nored and Webb. to her great delight, became the first woman to go on the cover of Golf through, half-drowned in

Digest Australia since Jan Stephenson did so in the late Seventies. champagne sprayed over her by some fellow Australian Nor was that all. In her next It was a big start to somethree US tournaments she finthing that was to become much bigger. Webb, who had ished seventh, fourth and sixth and took a clear lead in the US Money List.

never won as a professional and was still only 20, took away 260,000 for that victory No one, except maybe she herself, expected such a situa-tion to last. Rookies are exbut, more importantly, gath-ered the confidence that has pected to behave themselves, helped her to perhaps the most impressive start to a to show respect for their more experienced colleagues; in short, in the in-phrase, to pay their dues. Webb treated that golfing carser ever made, by

nam or woman. concept with traditional Aus-tralian contempt: she went out and also won the ninth event in which she played Since that dramatic, drenching moment this world-wide Webb — she comes from Queensland, plays in the United States and and since then she has had a Europe — has produced some simply astonishing results. Having got her US Tour card, about which more later, she cut, and finished out of

simply astonishing results. In her American season so Having got her US Tour card, far she has missed only one and has drawn contracts from about which more later, she finished second in her first top 20 only three times in 18 event there. The Aussie good-tournaments. She is still top onyers were still pouring in of the US Money List with hide her wide hazel eyes.

UST 12 months ago the slightly built and second event. shy Karrie Webb stood, arms aloft, on the 18th green at Wo-lia was almost incoherent. Store a store and sporting Austra-the 18th green at Wo-the store a land's Laura Davies, who is \$17,000 behind in second, and the Swedes Annika Soren-siam and Liselotte Neumann, who are \$103,000 and \$114,000 behind respectively. As an indication of just how spectacular a start Webb has

made, she began the season boping that she might finish in the top 40 of the US Money List and, maybe, become broke her wrist.

Rookie of the Year. The other contender for that title is Ja-

pan's Mayumi Hirase, who has actually done quite well.

certainly up to normal rooki

standards, and has missed the cut five times in 20 events,

had four top-10 finishes, no wins and is 36th in the list \$531,000 behind Webb. There are times, of course, when even Webb finds all this hard to believe. "I have to pinch wirefile."

pinch myself sometimes," she admits, "and ask myself if it's

real." She has bought a house in Orlando, has divested her-self of her caddie-boyhtend and has drawn contracts from

Towards the end of last year, although she had won the British Open, she ran into the intransigant authorities who run American women's golf and was required to go through the two qualifying schools before getting her card. Three weeks before the final school, she fell down some stairs in London and brake ber write

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when she went to the Ameri can Tour school, whether the injury would withstand the intensive practice and the four most nerve-racking rounds most golfers ever en-dure. She came second. Now she is back to defend

the title that started it all.

"Two been looking forward to it all this year," she said yes-terday. "Defending is very special." She played the Millein K course yesterday and the memories, particularly of the back nine in the final round last year, flooded back. Last year she played a shot through an infinitesimal space in the trees at the 16th, a shot Seve might have spurned as being too danger-ous. "I have to say," she smiled yesterday. "that it looked harder this year than I remembered it being." At the time it seemed a shot played with the full confidence of youth, but now she admits; "I had a six-shot lead and yet I was so nervous. Those nine holes were the

Webb top of money list

ting balls again. She was not sure, though

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Wigan chief sent for trial

Paul Fitzpetrick

HE Wigan chairman Jack Robinson has been com-mitted for trial at Bolton Crown Court on charges of perverting the course of just tice and inciting the making of false instruments. Robinson, 54, who has been

in charge at Central Park for five years, is alleged to have perverted the course of justice between February 20 and March 3 by instigating a fraudulent damages claim against the Wigan Observer newspaper.

He is also charged with in-citing Alf Davies, the chief executive at Leeds, to make false instruments, namely letters to the Wigan club. on February 21 and March 5. Earlier charges of conspiracy, brought by the Crown Prosecution Service against Robinson and John Martin, a fellow Wigan director, have

been dropped. Robinson, who appeared before Wigan magistrates yesterday, will reappear for a plea and directions hearing at Bolton on September 23. He was granted conditional bail. · Chris Joynt, the St Helens back-row, may return against Sheffield on Sunday after an ankle injury. The prop Adam Fogerty is free to play after the disciplinary committee yesterday found no case to answer after he was reported during

Saturday's win in Paris.

und more than \$20million | Mizuno, a tennis equip- | Michael Jordan, Dan Ma-; he said. "I am not good ment contract that also | rino, John Elway and the enough. My ambition is to stipulated that he use the company's clubs. Lendl then had a handi-Lendl then had a handi-cap of seven and was David Leadbetter at the latclearly in breach of the ter's Lake Nona complex, rules on amateur status. "I had taken money so it was

easier to declare myself a professional than keep ask-ing what I could do because courts because of his lack of visible emotion, but yes-tarday be hid his stage fright with dry humour. "I of the rules. It was just for convenience," he said. He has been competing on

and last week won his big-Lendl was known as "Old Stoneface" on the tennis

tennis world No. 1. winner terest in professional golf the American Celebrity have no pretensions about president of the Czech Golf of eight Grand Slam events began when he signed, with Tour with the likes of becoming a Tour player." Federation.

tract more people to golf than Seve [Ballesteros] or Bernhard [Langer] because

he is the most famous sportsman in our country," said Hanus Goldscheider,

current world tennis No. 1 be able to play a round Pete Sampras. He has les without looking for the

ball. My aim here will simply be not to embarrass myself." The Czechs will not mind if he does. "Ivan will at-

Lendl hits the fairways at odds of 1,000–1

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gest cheque so far, £3,000.

and his parents still live in Prague, though he is now an American citizen and lives in Connecticut. His in-

former Great Britain goal-tender Martin McKay on what he sees as the demise of British-trained netminders at foreigner he is better than a Brit." McKay told the Ice Hockey News Review. "That is not necessarily true."

Michael Britten In Marianske Lazne ers after a Canadian, Wayne Europe's elite at a sport he

has been playing seriously PROFESSIONAL who A has won more majors than Nick Faldo, and for only two years. He played tennis right-handed more prize-money than any until his retirement in 1994

golfer in history, is offered but is a left-handed golfer. Lendl, 36, was born in Ostrava in upper Moravia

even though Cowley had bro-ken a finger during the pregame warm-up. That set the tone for what at 1,000-1 by British book-makers to win on his Euro-

pean Tour debut in the Chemapol Trophy Czech Open starting here today. as I was concerned." said McKay, who is seeking a posi-tion with a club outside the Ivan Lendl, the former tennis world No. 1. winner

(£13 million), is the illustri-ous rookie aiming to beat

the top level of the game here. "Coaches seem to be assuming that because a goalie is a 16

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MITCHELL DIPS TO VICTORY BUT MILER MASTERKOVA STEALS ZURICH SHOW

Arsenal reveal hand of Wenger

Martin Thorpe

man ruling.

HE Frenchman Ar sène Wenger is the new manager of Arsenal. The choice became clear yester-day when the Highbury club confirmed they had signed

two French players, one for £4 million. Arsenal would not have

paid out without instructions from a new manager, and the fact that the pair are French and little known outside their own country confirms Wenger's imminent arrival.

Both are midfielders, Rémi Garde from Wenger's old club Strasbourg, and the 24 mil-lion Patrick Vieira from Milan, who both signed ahead of today's deadline for eligibility for the first three rounds of the Uefa Cup. Formal confirmation of

Wenger's arrival at Arsenal is being delayed pending agree-ment over an early release from his contract with the Japanese club Grampus Eight which is due to run out in November

Vieira, a 20-year-old defen-sive midfielder, is a rising star, on the fringe of the French national team and, when with Cannes, the youngest captain in French foot ball. He was due to play in the picked up an injury. Second to the directors, when

players in the Arsenal squad but clearly they haven't found — and an international with anybody at all." He was out of con

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Yesterday Bruce Rioch was said to be "very aggrieved and very upset" by the sports lawyer Mel Goldberg over his sacking. However, Goldberg denied suggestions that Rioch — who is expected to receive a £500.000 pay-off — was plan-

ning to sue the club. The Scot was not given enough time to complete the job, said Goldberg, who added: "Wenger won't be able to get the team changed in a year and anyway may not be free until November. If that happens, a third of the seaon

appens, a third of the seadt is gone, so I suspect the results won't be very good." Goldberg threw some light on the back-stage tensions that existed when he said: "Obviously in the latter days Bruce didn't get on with the board and one individual in particular." This was a referenece to the Arsenal vice chairman David Dein.

Referring to the fact that Arsenal signed just one player, John Lukic on a free transfer, in 14 months, Gold-berg said: "After the George Graham debacle a system was

put in place whereby the manager chose the players and the list was given to the directors to complete the transi

picked up an injury. Garde is 30 — bringing to seven the number of 30-plus

Duncan Mackay in Zurich

INFORD CHRISTIE narrowly failed to repeat his triumphs of the past two years as he finished third in the 100 metres in his last appearance Weltklass meeting

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He walked off the Letzi-grund stadium track for the last time, his head held high and his face awash with a grin after running one of the best races of this, his final year. The race was how be dreamt the Olympics might have been before he was dis-qualified in the final.

1994 and 1995, was challeng-ing for the victory all the way to the line before Dennis Mitchell of the United States beat him on the dip in showed in Atlanta and had to work hard to hold off Christie at the tape. The capacity of the stadium 10.04sec. Donovan Bailey, the Olympic champion and world record holder from Canada, is 22,000 but, with less than half that number seated, specfinished second in 10.06 with Christie third in the same tators who had paid up to 2100 a ticket had needed to be at a ticket had needed to be at the gates when they opened — two hours before the start — to get a good position. The packed terraces had a football-style atmosphere which helped inspire Brit-ain's Jon Ridgeon, making his first annearance here since Christie, attired in yellow, green and blue flashings like a packet of wine-gums, had qualified comfortably from his heat with practised ease: starting well, maintaining momentum over the final 30 metres and, after crossing the line second to Ato Boldon in first appearance here since his high-hurdling days, to fin-10.17, wheeling away with his "let's get on with it" look. Even his step seemed to have ish second to the American Eric Thomas in the 400m hurdles B race in 48.79 - only Even his step seemed to have recovered its jauntiness. A false start by Mitchell in the final, 90 minutes later, must have brought back un-comfortable memories for the Briton. Out of the blocks at the second attempt, Mitchell 0.06 worse than his four-year personal best. An Achilles tendon injury at the start of the 1993 season had led Ridgeon to believe his career was over, until he made an unexpected recovery won because he still started last autumn and was able to better than Bailey or Christie. Bailey, uncoiling into the cumbersome, low-knee stride

have the acceleration he recovered sufficiently to reach the semi-final but was disappointed with his perfor mance. "Next to the Olympics this is the best place in the

world to run well, I suppose," he said. The crowd's lov at the 100m

that calls on all the power of | when he injured a calf two | record at this meeting, his hips and back, did not | days before his first race. He | Colin Jackson, who has Colin Jackson, who has been eclipsed by Allen Johnson in the 110m hurdles this season, was beaten by a quar-tet of Americans, finishing sixth in 13.40. Jack Pierce, a man with a point to prove after failing to finish in the US Olympic trials, was the

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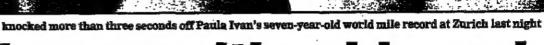
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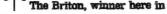
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mile, taking more than three seconds off the Romanian Paula Ivan's seven-year-old mark. After considerable pace-making from her compatriot Lyudmila Borisova, Russia's

Olympic 800 and 1500m champion began lifting her knees higher, unleashing her springy legs to gobble un more of the track with each stride, covering the last lap of her first mile in under 60sec. Once over the line Masterkova, who is based in Spain, turned and bowed to launch an Olympic comeback the terraces. It appeared she agains Months of hard work were was hardly out of breath Richau nearly wasted in Atlanta after setting the 20th world 44.97.

was nothing compared with winner, ahead of the Olympi the ecstasy that greeted Svet-lana Masterkova's world re-cord of 4min 12.56sec in the champion Johnson in 13.31. Such was the strength of the hurdles that Tony Jarrett, the world silver medallist who fell in the Olympics, was

reduced to the B race. The Briton's sour expression showed how displeased he was as he crossed the line

comfortably first in 13.38. Roger Black, the Olympic silver medallist and Ridgeon's best friend and train-ing partner, seemed to be run-ning on tired legs as he finished fourth in a 400m won by the American, Anthuan Maybank, in 44.18. Consolation for Black was that be won his race within a race against the fifth-placed Mark Richardson, clocking 44.83 to



Claude Arcens thought his luck had finally changed. when, standing beneath the Effel tower, a wallet full of cash landed at his feet. From that day on he esolved to keep a daily visit at the spot to reap the rewards that fate would throw him. Which, as it turned out, were very few. He has, at last, decided to etire after 12 years in which

all he collected was one miserable cigarette lighter.

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